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'84 budget

Education, local aid stressed

by Jim Hegarty

"Make no mistake, the economic future of Massachusetts is irrevocably linked to the future of education in this state," Governor Michael S. Dukakis said in a talk March 7 at Northern Essex as he outlined his budget proposal for fiscal year 1984. Speaking before an overflow crowd in the Library conference area, Dukakis touched on the importance he feels the role of education plays in the outlook of the state's industrial base, particularly, "but not exclusively," he added, the high tech area.

"High-tech just does not happen without higher education," he emphasized. "If we don't continue investing in our higher education system, we are going to lose this very special strength," said Dukakis, referring to the high-tech boom of recent years that made Massachusetts a forerunner in that field.

Dukakis pointed out that Massachusetts is not alone in recognizing the need for strengthening the educational system. He recently attended a governors' conference in Washington, D.C., and claimed, "I can't remember a conference where education was discussed more. Southern states, Sunbelt states are all requesting millions of additional dollars for education."

The 1984 budget proposal, Dukakis said, contains more funding for higher education than any in recent years. The recommendation to the Board of Regents is \$447.9 million, an increase of \$33.1 million over the 1983 appropriation.

Highlights of the higher education recommendations in the 1984 budget package include: Development of new programs and instructional support in important economic areas such as engineering, computer sciences, health professions, management, and basic sciences; increased general scholarship aid; and a recommendation to avert any tuition increases.

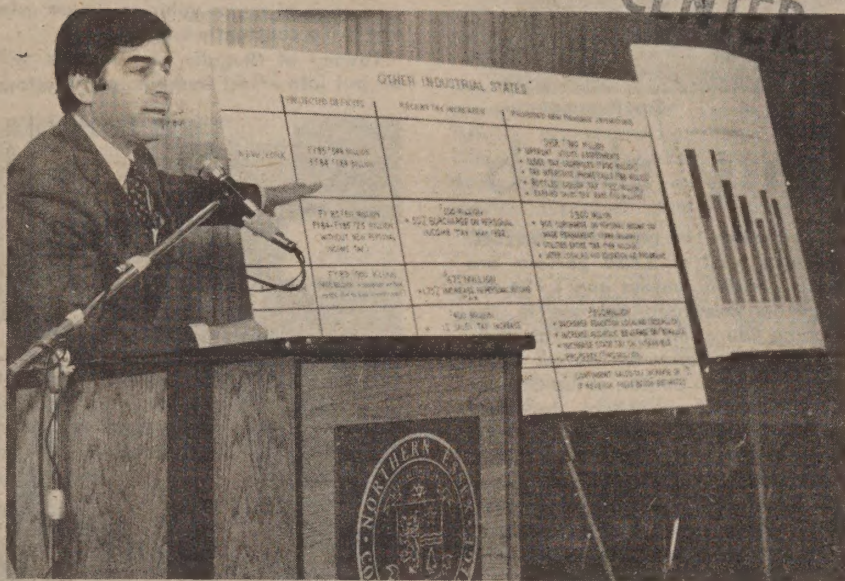
The Dukakis administration has put together what they are calling "a carefully crafted fiscal plan for the future of the state." They have restored \$227 million to provide increased funding for local aid, clothing allowances for welfare families, elderly home care, and state and local pensions.

Frank Keefe, Secretary of Administration and Finance, claims that the preliminary budget proposal inherited on Jan. 6 did not include any increases in the above areas. "How can you have a budget without increases in state or local aid is beyond me," he said.

The state plans to implement a Revenue Enforcement and Protection Program, claiming it will bring in \$131



Wind experiment. [See story below].



Governor Michael Dukakis visits Northern Essex March 7.

-Carl Russo photo.

million tax monies. The program calls for stricter sanctions for non-compliance of tax laws, increased enforcement of tax collections, and the closing of tax loopholes.

Many of these measures are subject to legislative approval, but Dukakis stressed that if the tax initiatives were not passed, "state and local aid programs, the rest, all the way down the line, will crumble."

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to lose this very special strength"**

Even through 47 of the 50 states are running on deficits, Keefe claimed that he sees Massachusetts "coming out of the economic doldrums." He said the budget proposal for 1984 addresses the many fiscal problems the state is encountering and added, "state government ought to mean something, even in an era of fiscal constraint."

information will then be compiled and analyzed by the Natural Sciences department faculty with help from students.

All information will be forwarded to Stephen Pinkerton, Director of Renewable Energy Programs. He will make the final decision on whether or not to go ahead with the second phase of the grant.

If feasible, the second phase will involve erecting the tower and installing the 10 KW wind generator. This generator has the capacity to produce approximately 1200 KWH of electricity per month. This energy will be fed into the college's electrical system.

The wind energy project has educational applications as well. Joseph Glasser, Director of the Center for Business and Industry at Northern Essex and Project Manager, sees this "as a project that will provide important statistical information on the nature of wind energy in general

and specifically in this part of the state. It will serve as a resource for other individuals and agencies who are considering a similar installation."

Prof. Robert Paul, project director and Chairman of the Natural Sciences Department, and Prof. Edward Spinney, also of the Natural Sciences Department, will facilitate the project. Prof. Paul says that "the project will serve as a teaching aid and benefit the students involved in the various phases of monitoring, measuring, and logging of data."

President Dimitry pointed out that, "As the site of the first wind feasibility study in the Northeastern part of the state, Northern Essex is proud to be in the forefront of new developments. This wind energy generator will help us to explore alternative energy sources and will be of value to the college as well as the community at large."

Council to administration-

'Get on the stick'

by Jeff Wilson

The NECC Student Council is asking that something be done "immediately" to revise the college's faulty disaster evacuation plan.

"Something must be done; the present plan is disgusting," said Mark St. Hilaire, Council Treasurer, who, after reading an article in the March 1 Observer, urged the Council to press the administration to take action.

"If we leave it up to them (administration), five years from now we may get a plan which is three years outdated," St. Hilaire said. He said that using the present plan, of which most students are unaware, in the event of a fire, would cause a lot of confusion and disruption. People could get hurt, even if it was a false alarm.

St. Hilaire added, "It may cost the school a couple of thousand dollars; but it would not be worth seeing someone get hurt to save a little money."

Putting mapped evacuation routes in each classroom was suggested. Council President Kara Purdie said, "We should have a fire drill about once a month."

The Council agreed that Campus Security and Maintenance, with the help of the Haverhill Fire Department, should be responsible for revising the plan.

Although exit arrows were to have been painted on walls in January of 1982, the Council noted no such arrows exist.

Purdie wants Security, Maintenance, and the Office for Students with Disabilities to "get on the stick."

A letter requesting immediate action will be sent to Dean of Administration Joseph Brown and Director of the Office for Students with Disabilities Rubin Russell by the Council on behalf of the students.

Colleges fight law

by Dan Lyons

Administrators of Massachusetts' institutes of higher education are working to repeal recent legislation which would require students to register for the draft in order to receive financial aid benefits.

"I think the part that's especially bad is that the legislation bears upon one sex (men) and is aimed at the working class," President John R. Dimitry says.

The legislation is discriminatory, Dimitry says. "If you're going to start harassing the troops," he says, "you'd better harass them all."

The president says the divisive nature of the legislation's approach reminds him of the Vietnam war era, when middle and upper class citizens were more able to avoid the service, a situation which resulted in hardships being born primarily by the working class.

"It's a lousy law," Dimitry says. "I wish they wouldn't tie the two (financial aid and draft registration) together."

Dimitry says he was honored by Governor Michael Dukakis' choice of Northern Essex as a place to present his budget.

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Pollard, NECC harness wind

by Elena Georato

Secretary of Energy Sharon M. Pollard met with President John R. Dimitry March 7, to present an Alternate Energy Property Program grant to conduct a feasibility study for the possible construction of a wind energy turbine on campus.

The grant, valued at \$32,400 will be completed in two phases. The first phase to be carried out at a cost of \$3,000, will consist of a four to six month feasibility study which should begin this spring. If the results at the end of this period are marginal, the study will be extended another six months.

Wind measuring equipment consisting of a wind vane, anemometer, and recorder will be installed on the roof of the Natural Sciences Building. This equipment will measure and record the velocity, frequency and direction of the wind twenty-four hours a day. The

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President John R. Dimitry.

-Carl Russo photo.

Spring enrollments climb

Northern Essex Community College experienced a record Spring Semester enrollment this year, it was announced by John R. Dimitry, President of the college.

Enrollment in both the Day and Continuing Education Divisions showed a marked increase, with the number of Day Division students jumping more than 9 percent over last Spring's figures. A total of 3,329 full and part-time students enrolled for Day Division classes this spring, which is equivalent to 2,857 full-time students.

Preliminary enrollment figures for the Division of Continuing Education indicate and anticipated 14 percent increase in enrollment in credit courses and a 10

percent increase in non-credit courses. Currently a total of 2,628 persons are enrolled in credit courses and 1,134 are enrolled in non-credit courses in the Continuing Education Division. This does not include registration for courses at the Andover Extension Center, at the Greater Lawrence Technical School for late starting seminars and workshops at the Haverhill Campus.

Commenting on the record spring enrollment, President Dimitry stated, "The college's retention rate has been going up steadily for the last three years. I think this is a very good indication of the quality of the work we are doing here at Northern Essex."

NECC assists industry

Technology in the business world is moving at a very rapid pace these days.

With computers, high technology and highly-mechanized equipment, running a business or working in industry is very different today than it was even five years ago.

Not only are employers having to train their employees to operate new machinery and computer equipment, but workers just entering or re-entering the workforce are finding themselves constantly having to update their skills.

Fortunately, Greater Haverhill employers and employees have the facilities at Northern Essex Community College to use in that training.

Northern Essex has opened its classrooms to area companies that need to retrain and update their workers to the machines and equipment of the 1980's.

School officials say they are increasing their emphasis on intensive training -- often for people who already are working -- to increase workers' skills and productivity.

Northern Essex uses funding from the federal and state governments, various big-name companies, CETA and other sources to upgrade semi-skilled workers.

In this time of high unemployment and layoffs, we cannot just sit around and worry about being out of work. We must think about how we can re-enter the workforce ... how we can become "marketable" again.

We are fortunate to have an institution of higher learning like Northern Essex Community College. We are fortunate to have college officials who believe in using their facilities for the betterment of the community and its residents. We are fortunate Northern Essex has the financial backing it has to be able to offer its facilities for these training programs.

Not only is high technology job training a must today, but so is continued training for professionals in the health fields, and computer training for teachers and office personnel.

As Greater Haverhill, like most other communities, moves into today's business and high technology world, it's reassuring to know we have a school like Northern Essex that is willing to help soften the blow of what modern times can bring. Besides all of the retraining programs, Northern Essex has the capability and experience of tailoring its teaching to the needs of specific companies and fields.

And if Northern Essex doesn't have staff members who can teach a specific type of training, college officials say they will go to local companies for instructors experienced in the subject at hand.

What more could we ask for?

Northern Essex does a lot for Greater Haverhill and its people ... for that, we should all be grateful and supportive of the college's efforts.

-Courtesy Haverhill Gazette

Spring vacation

No classes March 21 - 25

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Cars will be towed

by Brian Richards

Gino Mattozzi has been head of security at Northern Essex for about three years. A few things are really beginning to bother him.

Mattozzi knows the parking situation on campus grounds is a problem. The parking situation is not a problem which was created by the security department, however, Mattozzi knows that. What the head of security doesn't know is why the blame is being put on his department.

The campus security department is responsible for one very important item, enforcing rules which are designed to protect and preserve the safety of the college community with respect to the operation of motor vehicles. These rules are being constantly broken.

Towing of illegally parked cars will be put into effect immediately. Mattozzi

have warned people and thank God they are not repeaters." Mattozzi also says, "Ninety-nine percent of the students are great. They understand the situation. It's that one percent that causes the problems."

"If I could park you on the streets without hindering your safety, I would, but I can't; it's a traffic hazard," Mattozzi says.

He adds, the harassment of his security guards must come to an end. These guards are there to do a job and they do the job as best they can. They don't need any flack from a student who can't park where he or she wants to. Security guards know where the parking spaces are; their job is to put cars in them. If they instruct the driver of a car to move, it's for the safety and protection of the people in this college community.



Captain of Security Gino Mattozzi.

-Carl Russo photo.

says, "I do not enjoy having cars towed off this campus, but if I have to I will." His office is being criticized for the violations of the parking rules so Mattozzi says action must now be taken. Towing will cost violators about \$45.

The laws of the campus are the same laws you must abide by in the city of Haverhill. Mattozzi says, "If a sign says no parking, that's exactly what it means, no parking." He adds, "Laziness on the part of some students is all it comes down to. Students just don't want to walk a little; their laziness is going to cost them." The dirt parking lot, the Mud Flats, always has parking.

Although Mattozzi is very sensitive to the issue of illegal parking, and realizes the need to penalize violators, he says, "I

There are seventeen hundred some odd spaces for about two thousand cars, so there are bound to be some problems. However, Mattozzi says, "When the outer perimeter of the five or six parking lots dries out, we will have enough room to take care of all the cars." when conditions are bad, such as after a snowstorm, it's impossible to park all cars in proper spaces. That's when security will allow the parking of cars in some illegal areas, but when there's no snow, people who park illegally will be towed.

Mattozzi worked as a police officer for about thirteen years and also as a district judge for ten years, before taking the head security job here. He is originally from Pennsylvania and moved to this area about two years ago.

College administrators seek repeal of law

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"I was honored by his visit," Dimitry says. "We've had a fine relationship in the past."

Dimitry says that Dukakis was "very, very helpful" to the school in 1976, when he directed \$600,000 to the school to initiate manpower training programs.

The president noted that Dukakis has recently appointed him to the State Job Training Coordinating Council, a program to coordinate manpower training throughout the state.

The council is a result of the Job Training Partnership Act (passed last year) which has strengthened the role that governors will play in future job training programs.

In regard to job training programs in Massachusetts, Dimitry says that "we have to do it more effectively -- we've got to have fewer politics involved, and more business and industrial involvement."

Dimitry says that he is proud of his appointment, and feels that his experience at Northern Essex, which was the first community college to initiate manpower training programs, qualifies him for the position.

Proceedings in the establishment of the Massachusetts Technology Park are moving "slowly but surely," Dimitry says. He says there is a good chance that the park will be located in the Merrimack Valley.

Dimitry says that those involved in the project expect that the location for the park will not be chosen until next year.

Council seats remain vacant

Two Council seats may remain vacant until the fall elections. The resignation of Faith Benedetti and the absence of Kim McKinney from Council meetings has reduced the working membership to ten.

Benedetti and McKinney were appointed to replace members who resigned at the end of the fall semester. Although it is not official that McKinney is no longer on the Council, Benedetti's resignation was accepted at the Feb. 28 meeting.

Council President Kara Purdie said she will try one more time to contact McKinney who has yet to attend a meeting.

Campus news



Members of the Finance Committee: Amy Joslin, Linda Cowie, Mark St. Hilaire, Linda Gallant, Fran Leenan, Martha Woodruff and Student Activities Director Steve Michaud.
-Carl Russo photo.

Vandalism, thefts

Gym beefs up security

by Jeff Wilson

A series of break-ins, thefts, and vandalism, the most recent occurring March 3, at the college gym, is prompting college officials to increase security in the building.

College officials met last December to discuss security problems and create a policy to curtail the crimes.

The March break, in which a new pair of spiked shoes, an \$85 baseball glove and six basketball uniforms were stolen, is the most recent of six acts of theft and vandalism since Fall, 1982, says Athletic Director Jack Hess.

The thieves do "substantial damage" to get into the lockers, he adds.

"Out of 60 or 70 lockers there is not one left that can be secured. The design of the lockers is absolutely ridiculous; they are so easy to break into," Hess says.

He is hoping to get \$5,656 through his Student Activities Funds budget request to the Finance Committee, to repair damaged lockers and replace old locks with recessing locks "which are much more tamper proof."

Hess says the new locks will be built into the old lockers with combinations that can be changed, "so no one can return and open his old locker."

Although Hess is requesting the money from the Student Activities Funds, he feels the repairs are not totally up to the Athletic Department. "We have a facility used jointly by athletes, day students, and Division of Continuing Education students, but nobody wants to pay," he says. "I am looking for a joint effort to repair the damages because it is a joint facility."

Student Council members offered to pay for half of the \$5,656 request out of the Activities Funds if the college would match their figure, says Dean of Administration Joe Brown. Brown was sure President Dimitry would go for it.

Two representatives from the NECC varsity basketball team have met with Dimitry and Brown to inform them of the problem. Robert Williams and Brian Ruel, both victims of the thefts, explained the severity of the situation. "It seems as if there is no end," says ex-varsity player Ruel. "There has been nothing like this

before." Ruel has been robbed of a watch, calculator and books. Williams has lost a basketball, sneakers, and books.

Brown says that steps must be taken to stop the crimes. It was decided at the December meeting to move the campus security office presently in the classroom building to the gym with the hope that the guards' increased visibility will discourage thieves.

He says the move does not mean there will be a permanent guard in the building, but they will be there when not making rounds. Their office phone has been moved.

Also, although no work has taken place, all exterior doors will be made "tamper proof" by securing metal strips to them. Locks on all exterior doors will be changed and keys given only to Hess, Brown, Security and Carl Beal, chairperson for the Department of Sports and Leisure studies.

In order to control gym use, Beal will be responsible for providing Security and Ron Sevigny, superintendent of buildings and grounds, with a list of authorized events to occur in the gym along with the names of persons responsible for the activity.

The gym will be open for general use between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. when school is in session. Security guards will be responsible for opening and securing all exterior doors, locker rooms, weight rooms and all other rooms not authorized by Beal.

After 4 p.m., or when school is not in session, use of the building will be based on Beal's authorization list. Authorized college groups will be allowed in the building only when a college employee, responsible for the supervision and conduct of the group, is present.

Outside groups using the building must have a responsible person and a hired security guard present. Attending the December meeting were Beal, Hess, Brown, Sevigny, Chairman for the Division of Human Services and Health Professions Paul Bevilacqua, Dean of Academic Affairs Robert McDonald, Captain of Security Gino Mattozzi and Director of Development Wendy Shaffer.

May. He is majoring in Media and Technology. Shionis was selected from 22 qualified applicants and presently has a job with WBZ-TV as assistant to the producer of hourly documentaries.

Jacqueline Sweeney, Haverhill, has returned to the college as clerk of the Cooperative Education and Placement Office. She has a Defense Investigative Service Industrial Security diploma from the U.S. government and has studied Liberal Arts and Business Management at Northern Essex.

She previously worked at Northern Essex as secretary to the Director of Counseling and more recently has been administrative secretary to the president and treasurer of G&S Systems, North

Budget ready soon

by Jeff Wilson

The main goal of the Northern Essex Finance Committee is to have the first draft of the 1983-84 Student Activity Fund Budget completed by the March 21 deadline.

"This will give advisors the week of vacation (March 21-25) to look over the budget," says Mark St. Hilaire, Student Council Treasurer, "and then they will have another week (until April 1) to file any grievances."

The five person committee met formally for the first time March 4. The student government constitution by-laws which concern the committee were discussed. "Like the student constitution, the by-laws are outdated," says Director of Student Activities Steve Michaud, "but for the most part they hold true."

Attending the meeting were committee members: Amy Joslin, Student Council representative; Linda Cowie, Cultural Affairs representative; Linda Gallant, Observer representative; Steve Kukene, Radio Club (WRAZ) representative; and Martha Woodruff, Athletic Department representative.

Also present were St. Hilaire, who moderates the meetings but has no vote; Michaud; and Fran Leenan, alternate Athletic Department representative.

Because they did not meet the deadline, the budget requests of the Music Club, Choir Club, International Club and Parnassus will be placed "on the back burner," said St. Hilaire.

The Committee has \$165,000 in Student Activity Funds (\$10,000 more than last year) from which to allot a specific amount to each club/service. St. Hilaire says, "We will try not to go over this amount," although there is approximately \$211,000 in budget requests.

At meetings, budget requests from each group are presented to the committee. They discuss and vote on what they believe to be an appropriate allotment.

When the meetings conclude March 25, an initial budget will be sent to each club.

In the period between March 28 and April 1, clubs will have the right to schedule special meetings to discuss and request changes in the budget.

Costello discusses revenue

by Tom McKenna and Judy Sirski

Democratic State Representative Nicholas J. Costello visited Northern Essex Community College last week. A candidate for the Third Essex District State Senate Seat vacated by the appointment of Sharon Pollard as Secretary of Energy. Costello spoke to Professor Richard Mesle's state and local government class before mingling with students at the College Center.

Costello counts environmental protection as a priority. He told students that "if we do not have clean air to breathe, fresh water to drink, and uncontaminated food to eat, nothing else makes much difference."

Costello cited Proposition 2½ as having "a devastating impact this year. I am in favor of tax reform but the way to do this is to assume more of a burden on a state level to come up with ways to create state revenue."

Some methods of raising more revenue suggested by Costello are the rebuilding of a sports arena and a convention center in Boston. Also, hundreds of cars go through here to New Hampshire. "I'd like to capture some of the money," Costello remarked.

Costello believes there are innovative ways to create revenue. He pointed to his district's \$5 million purchase of the Mosley Estate, a piece of land on the Merrimack River. He envisions the property being used for a theatre for the performing arts, a center for the study of endangered plant species, or an aboretum. "This investment is in the future," he said.

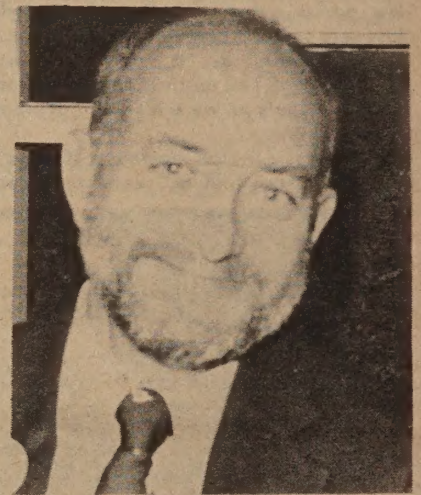
There are other issues concerning the Merrimack Valley and Costello asserts that his record of service on the Commerce and Labor Committee and the Bureau of Natural Resources has helped his constituency of Amesbury, Newburyport and Salisbury.

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At their meeting, the trustees were given an editorial from the Haverhill Gazette commending Northern Essex's efforts to train members of today's workforce to have the knowledge to be "marketable" in the 80's.

The editorial read, "As greater Haverhill, like most other communities, moves into today's business and high technology world, it's reassuring to know we have a school like Northern Essex that is willing to help soften the blow of what modern times can bring."

It concluded, "Northern Essex does a lot for greater Haverhill and its people ... for that, we should all be grateful and supportive of the college's efforts."



"A big part of my job is to protect the people I represent from being exploited."

"We live in a vulnerable spot," Costello pointed out. "The very things that make our valley attractive to us are the things that make us most vulnerable. We have a good highway system; we are on the New Hampshire border. But the people 'up on the hill' in Boston figure if they draw a line across that state, we'd be in New Hampshire anyway. So they tend to dump on us. A big part of my job is to protect the people I represent from being exploited." "For example, if Amesbury wasn't exempted from being a hazardous waste site, the SRS Recovery plant would be a hazardous waste plant in Newburyport. I helped enact the special legislation that exempted Amesbury. We successfully stopped them from polluting the Merrimack River."

Over the last ten years, the Merrimack became cleaner, largely due to sewerage treatment plants. "No longer it is true that if you fall in the river, you will suffocate before you drown."

The cleaner water makes it possible for fish such as salmon to survive here as they once did. Costello said that new dams being built now have a salmon ladder or elevator constructed along with them. This way, the fish can make it up river to spawn. For the last six years, Massachusetts has been making an effort to re-introduce the fish. Costello says some have been sighted as far upriver as Lawrence. He advocates entering into a cooperative effort with New Hampshire in this matter.

Trustees approve three employees

by Jeff Wilson

The appointment of three full-time staff members was approved by the Board of Trustees at its March 2 meeting.

Filling the night shift position of junior electronic computer operator is Julio Morel, Lawrence. Having an associate's degree from Manhattan Community College in data processing, Morel was chosen from 16 other qualified applicants. He has been working as a roll tin operator at Parlex Corporation, Methuen.

Approved as a laboratory technician in the Department of Instructional Media was Lee Shionis, Brookline. He has a bachelor of science degree in Early Childhood Education from Salem State College and is expected to receive his master's degree from Boston University in

Creative Arts



Scene from *Mystic Paper Beasts*.

-Carl Russo photo.

Finegold recital April 10

by Jayne Hollis

Music of the Twentieth Century Traditionalists will be presented Sunday evening, April 10, at the College Center at 7 p.m. Michael Finegold will perform solo flute arrangements with Nancy Rovin from the New England Conservatory of Music accompanying him on the piano.

Twentieth century traditionalist music has grown out of the romantic period, Finegold says. It's easy to listen to; people easily relate to it and its not experimental. This music is emotional and reflects beauty as we understand it from long tradition.

Two of the pieces, Poulenc's "Sonata" and Perillou's "Ballade," were composed

50 years apart and yet sound very similar. Arthur Foote's and Charles Griffes' pieces represent the American sound in music: nostalgia, vastness, loneliness and isolation.

Finegold, music professor at the college, has played the flute since he was 13 and has studied with many important teachers including Doriat Anthony, principal flutist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Finegold has played with a number of local music groups including the orchestra for the North Shore Music Theatre. His flute recital at the college is becoming an annual event.

He has his bachelor's from Brooklyn and his master's from Yale University.

Magical night for young at heart

by Robynne Pappalardo

A magical night it was indeed as the *Mystic Paper Beasts* enthralled the audience. The College Center was packed with children and adults from the age of two to sixty-two, and it all took place Friday evening, March 4.

The *Mystic Paper Beasts* is a family theatre group from Connecticut, comprised of Melisande and Daniel Potter and their two daughters, Giselle and Chloe.

The first portion of the program was an Eastern piece that delighted the audience with elaborate masks, music and costumes. After a ten minute intermission so that they could perform a set change,

the company once again commanded the stage, as well as the audience's attention. The next skit was about the Galapagos Islands, and all the animals, birds and fauna that make up the Islands.

The children were at the performance in great numbers and they were outnumbered by the adults, who were just as enthusiastic as the children.

It was a delightful way to spend an evening and the audience showed its appreciation of the Potters by a standing ovation at the conclusion of the performance, initiated by none other than...the children.



Music Professor Michael Finegold who will present a flute recital Sunday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the College Center.

-Carl Russo photo.

Peter Bodge talks music, art

by Debbie Kealey

Peter Bodge, well-known artist and jazz musician, was on campus Wednesday, March 9, in the Learning Resource Center at noon.

During the hour-long presentation, Bodge discussed the method by which he has been able to tie in his visual arts with musical arts.

Bodge became acquainted with art and music at a very early age. He said his ability to draw was just a part of him that was always there.

A jazz musician for the past 25 years, Bodge is a drummer and performs in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, at least once a week. "In today's society, jazz is an accepted form of music," said Bodge. He feels jazz is a listening kind of music and it holds a very special meaning to him.

Ever since he was at college at the University of New Hampshire, he has tried to figure out some way to link both music and art. He said that music and art were like two friends to him and he was trying to get these two friends of his to come together. He says he has not attained this

merger.

During his lecture, he presented to the audience his film, *Bird Lives*, a three and one-half minute animated biography of saxophonist Charlie Parker. This film is a tribute to the late Charlie Parker and his music. "Charlie Parker had created incredible music," said Bodge.

Bird Lives received third prize in the Baltimore Film Festival. Chosen by the Carpenter Center at Harvard for its Animated Festival of 1978, it was shown at the Newport Jazz Festival and at theatres in Cambridge and other Massachusetts cities.

Bodge feels that his best artistic achievements have been linoleum prints, etchings and music.

Bodge has recently printed four posters from his original linoleum prints. The posters are of Charlie Parker, Fats Waller, Billie Holiday and Dizzy Gillespie. They sell for only \$7.50 each. Anyone interested in purchasing the prints should contact Elaine Mawhinney-Webb, Creative Arts Chairman.



Jazz artist Peter Bodge shows work at Learning Resource Center March 9.

-Carl Russo photo.



Brooke Myers will appear as *Zelda Fitzgerald* Wednesday, March 16, at the Learning Resource Center.

-Carl Russo photo copy.

Brooke Myers presents *Zelda*

The Northern Essex Community College Creative Arts Series will present New York's Brooke Myers in "Once Again to *Zelda*," at noon, Wednesday, March 16 in the Library Conference area.

Chosen to represent the United States at the Festival of Experimental Plays in Yugoslavia, the piece deals with excerpts from the diary and letters of *Zelda Fitzgerald*, painter and wife of the American novelist Scott Fitzgerald.

Myers brings historical and literary characters to life with her dramatic combination of the spoken word and

choreographed movement. She uses traditional elements of theatre—script, character, setting, and those of dance—gesture, timing, and music.

Myers was a member of the Firehouse Theater Company in San Francisco from 1969 to 1974, performing as a singer, actor and dancer. She left to work with Margaret Beals and Lee Nagrin on "Stings," a production with dance, based on the poetry of Sylvia Plath. The show has appeared in London and New York.

Admission is free. The public is invited.

Creative Arts



Cast of "The Restaurant;" Alberto Gomez, Pam Adams, Director John Torrisi and John Bertolino [front center].
-Faith Benedetti photo.



David Coppola, Robin Rowe, Lynda Garrett, Director Sue Sanders, Debbie Young and Lynn Menihane, cast for One Act Play "Trevor." Not shown are Stephen Mulse, Dennis Lebel and Peter McCarthy.
-Faith Benedetti photo.

Rehearsals underway for One Act Plays

by Faith Benedetti

Lights ... camera ... action!! At the moment in the Top Notch Theatre they're still working on the lights, so meanwhile, we'll fill you in on the action!

The One Act Plays series to be presented by the NECC Drama Club are three short but totally absorbing plays which combine drama and satire.

"Trevor," which is being directed by Susan Sanders, is a drama which deals with two young girls caught up in a situation that might harm their relationships with their parents.

Sarah Lawrence (Robin Ann Rowe) and Jane Kempton (Debbie Young) are the two roommates who try to deceive their parents (Lynda Garrett and David Coppola as the Lawrences, and Lynn

Menihane and Bill Gleed as the Kemptons). The landlord (Dennis Lebel) is making obscene phone calls, and a young man named Trevor (Stephen Mulse) is the catalyst who helps the girls out. Peter McCarthy is the stage manager.

Family problems take a satiric turn in "The Great American Cheese Sandwich," a play about the average, middle class, white collar American family.

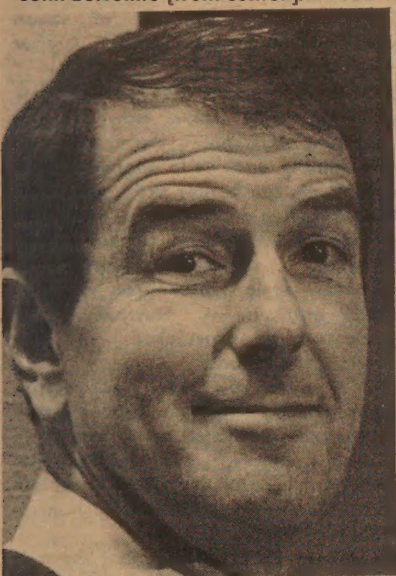
Take a father (Andy Stahly) who is slow and very Southern, a mother (Judy Deschenes) who has maternal instincts that "something fishy is going on," add a daughter, Betsy (Dawn Shelton) who is a pregnant high school senior going to the prom regardless of her condition, and Tom the son (Mark St. Hilaire) who is ... well, you'll find out. Put it together with an out-of-it photographer (Richard

Rosario), the direction of Gene Boles and stage managing of Frank Vasello, and you've got a perfectly brilliant satire on family life that everyone can relate to.

"The Restaurant" is an hilarious story about two young American tourists. The young married couple (Pamela Adams and John Bertolino) are traveling abroad when they come upon a restaurant described as "very native." Hoping for the best, they enter. Dum-da-dum-dum.

Their waiter (Alberto Gomez) makes them wish they had never had the desire to go native. The stage manager is John Hilane. The play is being directed by John Torrisi, a student.

The One Act Plays dates have not been announced yet, but will be presented soon after vacation.



Professor Gene Boles.

-Sue Sanders photo.

Teachers meet to discuss survival of the arts

by David Goudsward

They came from as far away as Dracut and Billerica to discuss the problems and to seek answers. They came because they care, despite shrinking support and funds.

They are the art teachers of Massachusetts - primary, secondary, and collegiate. When Proposition 2½ struck Massachusetts, the first to feel the cuts of budgetary withdrawal were the art and music departments. Educators say the arts are in serious trouble.

One of the leaders of the struggle for survival of the arts is Diana Korzenik, Director of Education at the Massachusetts College of Art. Korzenik was the featured guest at the Arts Symposium at Northern Essex Wednesday, March 2.

She explained how the attitude toward the arts in the schools dates back to Horace Mann who firmly believed that drawing should be part of the school curriculum, but only the drawing of lines, to aid in future textile design occupations. Mann was careful to caution instructors to make sure that line drawing did not degenerate into "picture-making." This idea, and the attitude that the arts were for the wealthy only, kept the enthusiasm for education in the arts to the barest minimum.

To assure the survival of the art instruction programs, Korzenik said, is to emphasize how heavily the arts draw upon general cognitive skills that cannot be evident in the finished work. The fundamental objective of art classes, especially at the high school level, is to develop thinking skills needed for creative and personal solutions to problems.

The symposium was arranged by Elaine Mawhinney-Webb, Chairman of the Creative Arts Department at Northern Essex.

Editor's note: Photos of the cast of "Great American Cheese Sandwich" were unavailable at press time. They will appear next issue.

New house lights for Theatre

by Faith Benedetti

A professional lighting system which has been funded by the Board of Trustees in an effort to support the Creative Arts is being installed at Northern Essex.

Consisting of a lighting grid and a controlling/dimming board, the system's main function will be to provide lighting for the Top Notch Theatre in C Building. The board, which is mobile, can be used for productions outside the theatre. One of these is Stillpoint, the annual dance performance staged at the Physical Education Building.

The grid, which is being built right into the ceiling, will have fixtures attached that will support props and scenery. It has the capacity for holding a curtain, should the Top Notch ever acquire one.

Everything done at Northern Essex has a measure of learning involved, and the light system is no exception. The work is being done by students from Whittier Tech for future job experience. The students



Ed Hajjar, left, supervises students from Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School students as they work to install new lighting system at the Top Notch Theatre.
-Carl Russo photo.

are under the direction of their teacher and advisor, Ed Hajjar.

As it stands now, the system should be fully installed and operational by the first week or so of April. The system will have its "Maiden Voyage" with the opening of the upcoming One Act Plays.

Professor Gene Boles, NECC's theatre coordinator, believes the light system will

be beneficial to all parties involved. Truer words were never spoken. The system has already given the Board of Trustees a gold star in generosity, the high school students valuable experience: it is a godsend to those involved in the Creative Arts, and will create a more professional atmosphere for audiences.

Truly money well spent.

Newburyport concert slated for March 20

The Newburyport Screening Room invites all to celebrate the arrival of Spring on Sunday, March 20, as musician Roger Ebacher is featured in a special concert performance.

A native of Newburyport, Ebacher is well regarded for his vocal and flute contributions to various groups, and he currently appears on The First Frog Album (Joppa Jump Records) with his song "Why Do I."

The concert will be a showcase for a program of all original compositions by

Ebacher, who pens both the words and the music. "I'm very excited about this show," says Ebacher. "It will be the first time I've done most of my tunes before an audience, and I think that there's something here for a wide variety of tastes. All styles of music can and have influenced my songwriting, not only jazz but other forms as well-pop, reggae, Latin music-any music that is good quality. And this band in particular is versatile enough to handle all those influences and make each song realize its

potential."

Joining Ebacher for this event will be John Hyde on piano and synthesizer, Jon Ross on acoustic and electric bass, and Mike Yelle on drums.

Tickets are available in advance at the Screening Room by calling 462-3456 or 462-FILM, and at the door. The Screening Room is located at 82 State St. in downtown Newburyport. Showtime is 8 p.m.

Features

Wilcoxson describes life of women in Russia



Dr. Elizabeth Wilcoxson

by Ruth DesRoches

Dr. Elizabeth Wilcoxson, faculty member of the Department of History and Government, lectured during "Women's History Week" on "Women in the Soviet Union."

Dr. Wilcoxson has made three trips to the Soviet Union and plans to return this summer. She explained that she did not have many pictures of her trips; it was suggested that "she return with a smaller camera and a larger lens and hide behind a tree." The true reason for this was that many people in foreign countries find it offensive to be photographed.

Dr. Wilcoxson stated that nine out of 10 Soviet women work. She went on to quote Frederick Engels who said, "The capitalist family is the basic enslavement of women and the exploitation of children." Lenin also believed in women's rights and women's equality under law. A woman would reach true equality when she entered economic production.

Dr. Wilcoxson spoke of Nadezhda Krupskaya, wife of Lenin and publisher of "The Woman Worker." This pamphlet was smuggled into Russia while she was in exile for revolutionary practices. Krupskaya wrote on and about women

and the changes that should be made in the work force regarding working conditions.

In 1903, as a result of Lenin and Krupskaya writings, women received 10 paid weeks of maternity leave, facilities for child-care, half an hour off to nurse their newborn, and female inspectors to replace male inspectors. They were not allowed jobs that would be "noxious to the female organism."

Dr. Wilcoxson also explained that there was also a change in the status of women by law. They were granted: the right to vote, the right to equal employment, the right to equal pay, and relaxed marriage procedures.

Dr. Wilcoxson added that still another woman, Alexandra Kollontai, became the first woman Commissar of Social Welfare. She, however, disagreed with Lenin, and was demoted to Ambassador to Norway, Sweden, and Mexico. However, Kollontai was the only woman ambassador and an example of a woman "making it" in the Soviet Union.

Dr. Wilcoxson said that in the 1920's and 1930's, abortion became easy to obtain and divorce was readily accepted. The latter was to free Soviet women from previously arranged marriages.

Dr. Wilcoxson stated that child-care centers opened because many men had been killed in WWI and women had to go to work. Women liked the prominence received in their jobs. After WWII, the men returned home and moved back into employment. Many women were glad to return to their domestic lives; but many remained and moved on to become very prominent in government in the 1950's through 1960's. This time period had become a "launching pad" for many Soviet women.

Dr. Wilcoxson explained that in 1975, *Women in Socialist Societies* was published. It stated that one-third of Russian engineers are women, one-half million are involved in industrial enterprises, 40 percent are veterinary surgeons, and 75 percent are physicians with 50-60 percent heading institutions. However, medicine is considered a low

prestigious position and is consequently low paying as well.

Women, Dr. Wilcoxson said, also make three-fourths of what a man earns and often hold tedious and demanding jobs. She gave an example of a road crew: men ride the mechanical equipment and women spread the tar.

Dr. Wilcoxson said that a Soviet woman's time is often divided between child bearing and her job. She receives 16 weeks paid leave for child-bearing, a vacation, and a year off if there is no child-care facility available to her. Her job is held open and she will not lose seniority; however, she may lose valuable skills during this time and fall behind when she re-enters.

Children-bearing is encouraged, Dr. Wilcoxson stated, because of the 20th century loss of 30-40 million people. Most families have one child; however larger families can be found in the country. She reported some examples of "mother heroines" who had nine to 10 children, who received much publicity. There is a monetary penalty for not having children which, for example, is placed on bachelors. Still, Dr. Wilcoxson added, the population has not increased as hoped.

Dr. Wilcoxson stated that contraception is virtually nil. By law Soviet women are allowed an abortion every six months. Many women experience four to five abortions during a lifetime. Dr. Wilcoxson added that abortions are very inexpensive and local clinics (not always the most sanitary) are free. A better clinic costs about one day's pay where American women may pay more than one month's pay.

Dr. Wilcoxson stated that child-care facilities are not numerous enough. One-third of the children under three are without child-care facilities. Also, Dr. Wilcoxson added, many women are displeased with the conditions in these centers. An example noted was of a center run by 30-35 "upbringers" who would leave the windows open in hope that some of the children would become ill and alleviate their work load. Many women will not use these centers and find

it degrading to do so. These women often turn to the grandmothers.

Dr. Wilcoxson went on to say that only 30 percent of older women babysit. Many of these women retire at 55, but continue to work for financial reasons, the main reason being that their pensions are not as large as the man's. Men may retire at 60, but go on for reasons of fulfillment.

Another serious problem that Soviet women face, Dr. Wilcoxson added, is that men are not liberated. When the Soviet woman comes home from work, she fully accepts the responsibility of the children, food shopping, and the home. She must shop after work and stand in lines at each "specialty" store (meat, bread, etc.). After purchasing an item, she stands in another line to show a receipt for proof of purchase. There is virtually no shoplifting.

Dr. Wilcoxson stated that at home the Soviet woman has a semi-automatic washing machine which holds three to four pounds at a time, no dryer, and no dishwasher. Only one out of seven families own a vacuum cleaner. Diaper services are unheard of.

Dr. Wilcoxson said that education is free in the Soviet Union. However, the government determines the number of slots available, such as in engineering. A woman is chosen by her skills and early application. Men and women are equal in this instance. Wilcoxson further stated that when a student graduates, the government assigns him three years of specific employment. However, preference may be considered -- no one wants to go to Siberia.

The Soviets are very puritanical, Wilcoxson added. "It is a revolutionary thing that sex education is now taught in the high schools." She added that prostitution is not a serious problem because of the Soviets' puritanical attitude.

Dr. Wilcoxson concluded that there is only a small feminist movement in the U.S.S.R. and few journals are published. Individuals involved are closely watched by the KGB, and often exiled. The average Soviet woman is satisfied with her roles as mother, worker, student, and wife.



Mary Whittle, accompanied by Edward Lundergan, presents voice recital. -C. Olson photo.

Mary Whittle gives voice recital

by Linda Gallant

Singing songs in four different languages, Mary Whittle gave an inspiring voice recital accompanied by Edward Lundergan on piano at the performance Sunday, March 6, at the College Center. In conjunction with the college's Creative Arts Series, the recital featured music that spans the centuries and presented in a variety of styles the way in which the words of women have been set to music.

Whittle and Lundergan made smooth distinctive transitions within and between songs. Many of the numbers demanded an even, smooth legato, while others called for a crisp staccato.

Whittle's mezzo-soprano voice glided over the notes smoothly without a break, and she executed countless crescendos and diminuendos beautifully.

The program was divided into four sections. The first part consisted of an aria from the opera *Admetos*, sung in Italian. The next section focused on five poems written by Mary Queen of Scots and set to music by Schumann. The language of the songs was German. "The Twelve Poems by Emily Dickinson," by Aaron Copeland,

were performed by Whittle in the third part. The last set contained three arias from the opera *Carmen*.

Mary Whittle, who lives in Buxford, has a bachelor of arts degree from Utica College and a master of arts degree from Boston College. She has attended the University of Lowell College of Music. A soloist at various North Shore churches, she has also sung with the Holyoke Singers and the North Shore Chorale. Additionally, she is a member of the English Department at Endicott College. She taught English at Northern Essex, resigning a few years ago to study music.

Pianist Edward Lundergan of Salem earned his bachelor's in music history and theory at Yale. Formerly chairman of Hebron Academy's Music Department in Maine, he is presently organist and choir director at St. Stephen's Church, Marblehead, pianist for the Portable Theater Company, and accompanist at the Music School of North Shore Community College. He is also active as a choral singer and conductor and is director of the North Shore Chorale.



Singer Sabra Dow and Scott Billington at performance during Women's History Week. -Cathy Olson photo.



Sabra Dow sings about women

by Jayne Hollis

In celebration of Women's History Week, Sabra Dow performed a collection of songs written by and for women. She sang with her harmonica-playing accompanist, Scott Billington in Lecture Hall A at noon on March 7.

Her performance was a musical biography of the contemporary woman who begins her struggle to support herself, discovers she "can't even buy a new pair of shoes," then finds herself a mother getting out of bed before her family, trying to enjoy a quiet hour alone. She begins to understand how her life's experiences have demanded her to be many different people at one time. She must be a woman and support herself. She must also be a "lady" and put her husband through school, while being a tender and self-sacrificing mother. Then she must be an independent career woman.

Songs which told the story include

"Working Girl Blues," "Mama's Gonna Stay," and "Learn to be a Lady," which touched a chord with the listeners, especially some of the older women in the audience. (I wished I knew how to whistle.)

Many of her songs were about strong and feisty women: "Truck Drivin' Woman" (dedicated to Priscilla Bellairs), "Wild Women Don't Get The Blues," and "The Lady is a Tramp." "One Hour Mama" received great cheers and laughs. The song was of a woman who didn't like to hurry through something she felt was important.

Several selections were bawdy and lively sing-alongs. One powerful piece, sung without guitar or harmonica, was reminiscent of a Negro spiritual.

Dow's final selection was a second run-through of "Truck Drivin' Woman," with the audience enthusiastically singing along.

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Professor Priscilla Bellairs, Coordinator of Programs observing Women's History Week. Cathy Olson photo.

Women struggle in Third World

by Paula Fuoco

On Friday, March 11, Jean Jackson, Professor of Anthropology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, spoke to NECC students regarding contemporary Third World women. Her lecture was in conjunction with Women's History Week.

Until quite recently, various cultures have treated women in a very derogatory manner. Their feet were bound, their mouths gagged and some were even burned upon the death of their husbands.

It is universally accepted that the care of children and housework is the responsibility of women. However, in some regions farming, trade and construction are viewed as women's duties. The role of the housewife is often ignored and deemed worthless by a society that evaluates the importance of a job in terms of its monetary value.

"We feel that a football player is doing something significant if he makes \$1,000,000 a year," Jackson said.

She says that women themselves are beginning to consider the role of a housewife negatively, due to the unfounded notion that the job is meaningless. However, Jackson believes that the women's role in the home is socially significant and contributes greatly to society.

Changes in government laws have imposed radical changes on women. During the 1920's, the Soviet Union legalized birth control and abortion. Divorce was easily accessible and de facto marriages were recognized as lawful. No longer would any child be labeled as illegitimate.

Many unexpected negative repercussions arose from these reforms. The number of divorces increased tremendously. Women were left to raise their children without any economic or emotional support from their former husbands. Public nurseries were instituted for a brief time, but were soon abolished due to the high costs.

There is no concept of part-time work in Russia. Currently 51 percent of the working population are women. Most not only devote a full day to their employer, but also must tend to chores at home. "The women have a double day. They labor tediously over monotonous jobs and then must wait in long lines for food," Jackson said.

The People's Republic of China underwent similar social revolutions. The marriage laws were changed and women could inherit property. However, many women were quite wary of these changes. They feared that their sons and daughters would no longer care for them in their old age. The rate of suicide among women sharply rose when these changes were instituted.

Both Russia and China retracted many of these laws due to their detrimental effects. Yet, while trying to aid women, the governments often maintain a double standard. Russia awarded the Mother Russia prize to the woman bearing the most children. This was a ploy to counteract the decline in births caused from the widespread use of the birth control pill.

In many underdeveloped nations, women are often the victims of export processing. Multi-national companies seek out countries with high unemployment rates and totalitarian, militaristic regimes. Unskilled women are hired to perform routine tasks. The company does not attempt to train these women for skilled jobs nor do they invest any capital in the area they are located. The products are exported and the area benefits very little from the huge profits these companies make.

In Malaysia, 90 percent of the assembly line workers are women. All must wear glasses after three years due to the tiny components they constantly work with, Jackson said. Most cannot work after five years because of failed eyesight, she said. "Many contract conjunctivitis from contact with harmful chemicals," she said. Wages are 80 cents a day. One young Malaysian told Jackson, "If I wanted to buy my mother or brothers a bowl of soup, I couldn't. A bowl of soup costs more than a day's wages."

These companies often proudly claim to be offering expanded opportunities for women in these nations. "Is this the true meaning of development?" Jackson asks.

Jackson feels that modernization often exploits women, and that institutions that are made to appear progressive are actually hindering women from attaining their full potential. Working at a non-skilled job for low wages should not be considered a progressive opportunity, but merely another burden placed upon women.

Stories of Andover women told

by Jean Powers

Dr. Donald Cole presented little-known facts about "Andover Women in History" at Phillips Academy in Andover March 10.

On behalf of the Andover Historical Society, Cole told the stories of four writers who lived in Andover - Anne Bradstreet, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps and her daughter, Elizabeth Phelps. He didn't dwell on their literary triumphs; instead, with their lives, he illustrated today's "different way" of looking at history.

In the past, he said, historians mostly dealt with the deeds and events of a few, the winners and their successes. Those studied were usually men who had accomplished something. Recent emphasis, he explained, is on social history, the "anonymous people," and how they adjusted to changes in society and environments. Often those most affected by these changes, and by failure, disaster, or death, were women.

Anne Bradstreet's writing reveals a different perspective on the colonization of America. She, whom Cole described as the best poet of the colonial period, was one of the first Puritan settlers. Coming to the New World was not an exciting adventure for her. "I submitted to it," she wrote.

Her early poetry was not good, Cole said, but her later poems showed the adjustment she made. He read one that described her great love for beauty at a place one and a half miles from the Merrimack River. Another showed her love for her home and the despair she felt when it burned.

Harriet Beecher Stowe's story illustrates how a woman 200 years later coped with tragedy and an unhappy life. The author's mother died when she was four. Ignored and unhappy throughout her "uncaressing childhood," she suffered from paralyzing depression much of her life. For a while, she was "resigned" to not marrying, saying that she was hunch-backed. When she was 25, she did marry, although she wasn't happy. She had five children in seven years. "Women had to accept more births than they wanted," Cole stressed.

Unfortunately, Stowe did not like housekeeping. She once wrote that she was "sick of the smell of sour milk, sour meat and everything." After going to a "cold water cure farm" in Vermont, she returned home and had a sixth child who later died of cholera.

Needing to fulfill a sense of duty while retaining the traditional woman's role, Stowe turned to writing. Writing was teaching, she reasoned, and teaching was all right for a woman, so she wrote books.

With the money she earned, she hired servants. It was a black servant, who came as a slave and whom she helped escape, that led to her writing *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

When Stowe came to Andover in 1852, she was already a famous woman. Over 300,000 copies of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* had been sold. Later books, dealing with questions of faith, were the result of her sixth child's death, and another son becoming an alcoholic after coming home from the Civil War.

Elizabeth Stuart Phelps was best known for her book, *Angel Over My Right Shoulder*, which explored the conflict between genius and a woman's domestic life. Phelps was born in Andover, but moved to Boston when she married. She loved Boston and didn't want to come back to Andover, where she died in 1852 after publishing three successful books in one year. She, like Stowe, suffered from depression. She was surrounded by people with psychological problems - her nervous father, her husband and his father, who claimed to have a house possessed, one in which turnips mysteriously fell from the ceiling onto the dining table.

When Phelps died, her daughter Mary was eight. Devoted to her mother, the girl was shaken by her death and later changed her own name to Elizabeth. The death of her husband in the Civil War left her angry and terribly upset, but soon afterwards, she published *The Gate's Ajar*, a popular success with a message for women who had lost people during the war. It depicted heaven as a beautiful place where people are as they are on earth. Giving solace to many women, it was circulated in England and, at the time, was as successful as *Little Women*.

The younger Phelps went on to write about the tragic lives of women who worked in Lawrence mills and about women going into medicine. She was concerned about the adaptation of women to a new industrial society, wrote about prostitution, lectured on temperance, and fought for women's suffrage.

Cole's presentation was the Andover Historical Society's Third Annual Lecture designed to recognize people who have worked for society. He explained that it was a happy coincidence that the topic he chose corresponded to the observance of Women's History Week.

Cole was born in Andover. He attended Phillips Academy and Harvard, where he received his doctorate. He is presently at Phillips Exeter and is a writer himself. His books include *Lawrence*, *Immigrant City* and one soon to be published, *The Little Magician*, about Martin Van Buren.

CIEE offers free travel info

The Council on International Educational Exchange has published its tenth edition of a catalogue which gives free budget travel guides. It contains details on worldwide discounts and benefits open to holders of the International Student I.D. Card. CIEE says it has helped tens of thousands of students obtain work in Great Britain, Ireland, France and New Zealand.

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Barbara Sterling goes from work study to Principal Clerk

by Michael Taglianetti and Phyllis Pucci

Over four years ago Barbara Sterling left her factory job and enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program at Northern Essex. Today she is the Principal Clerk in the Financial Aid Office here.

The switch from employee to student was not an easy one. But with two children to support, Sterling felt an education would help in her career and bring a higher paying job.

Being a mother, Sterling thought working with small children would be interesting, but later discovered she had an interest in business. After changing her major to administrative assistant, Sterling received her associate's degree in June, 1981, graduating with honors. After learning of a position available in



the Financial Aid Office, where she had been a work-study student since Jan., 1979, Sterling applied for and received the job. She began work as Principal Clerk in Sept., 1981, reporting to Director of Financial Aid, Dick Pastor.

As Principal Clerk, Sterling has a number of responsibilities. One of those involves supervising the work-study program. In that capacity, she tries to

match students with jobs in their field of interest, believing that "hands-on experience will be an asset when they enter the work force."

Because filling out the Financial Aid Form, necessary to apply for federal, state and school aid, is sometimes a complicated process, Sterling spends a lot of her time counseling students and parents. Along with helping them fill out the FAF, Sterling guides them through the sometimes long process of applying for financial aid. "Being a part-time student at NECC myself, I understand how frustrating the paper work can be, so I try to be as helpful as possible," she says.

When asked to comment on the financial aid program Sterling says, "Not nearly enough people are aware of the

programs and Dick Pastor goes out of his way to promote this program. I just want everyone to know that it's here to help everyone it can, and students should inquire about its availability."

Sterling plans to transfer the courses she is now taking at Northern Essex to the University of Lowell where she will receive a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Sterling resides in North Andover with her husband George and her two children, Ralph, 8 and Erik, 6. "With George and I both working, going to school, and being involved with the kids' after-school activities, there isn't much time for anything else," she says.

Except helping the students at Northern Essex.

Features

Profile of a gentleman

Humanitarian of the highest degree

by Marian Clay

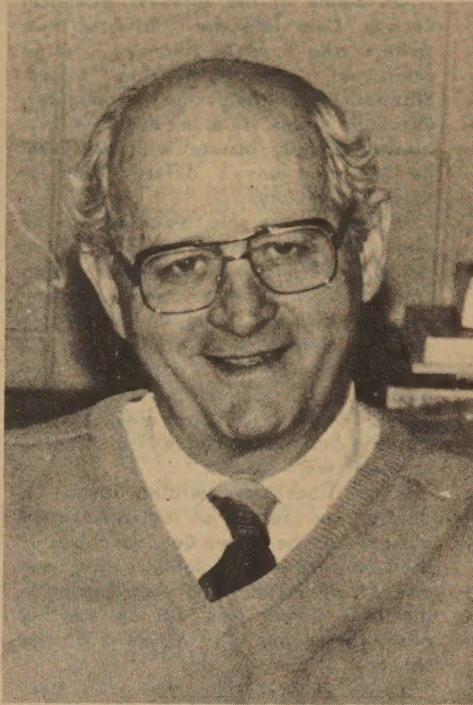
Northern Essex students know him as William O'Rourke, Ph.D. He is a man of medium height and weight, in his middle fifties, has a healthy complexion and a fringe of curly gray hair. His quick smile invites your confidence, and the sincerity of his convictions can be read in the sparkle in his eyes.

Born in Flushing, New York in 1927, Bill O'Rourke spent his childhood and early school years in the New York area. He went into the Navy, saw the end of World War II and was discharged in 1945. He returned to New York to begin his education at St. Francis College in Brooklyn, then entered the Seminary and in 1958 was ordained a Catholic Priest in the Franciscan Order.

Father O'Rourke served as a Missionary for two years in a very primitive area of Bolivia, South America. He was stricken with hepatitis and as a result, forced to return to the United States. When he regained his health, he was given stateside duties as a parish priest in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Father O'Rourke was a teacher, and as a teacher he returned to the Seminary. He became the Director of a Formation Program and worked in that capacity for the Franciscan Fathers in Rye Beach, New Hampshire, for the next six years.

In 1973 Father O'Rourke was faced with a decision that could have devastated a lesser man. He had fallen in love and wanted to marry. He knew that once ordained, he would always be a priest, but if he married, he would lose



Dr. William O'Rourke. -Cathy Olson photo.

the right and privilege to administer the sacraments. In the eyes of the Church, he could no longer perform the duties of his office.

The decision weighed heavily on his mind, but his love for Nancy overpowered everything else and he chose to marry. Father O'Rourke again became Bill O'Rourke and he returned to Boston

College to finish his studies.

He received a doctorate in Counseling/Psychology with a concentration in Aging. He had nurtured an interest in the elderly since the early 1960's. At that time, the Catholic Church was going through many changes. He noticed that the elderly had a difficult time coping with changes in their long established patterns of life and religion.

He is quick to point out that the gerontology program is similar in many ways to a liberal arts program. It has purposely been set up to be an excellent preparation for a four year degree program. The problems faced by the elderly today are many and complicated and a four year degree program is a basic necessity for work in the gerontology field. He would like to keep the program at Northern Essex strong and alive. He would like to see many more people educated to work with the elderly. He strongly encourages all students to learn more about aging. "It's their own future they would be studying," he says. "We all hope to get there some day and it's important to find continued meaning in 'old age.'"

"Late life," says Dr. O'Rourke, "is the most important part of a person's lifetime. It's when you sort of enter into yourself in a deeper way and come to grips with the meaning and purpose of life itself."

"The loss of physical powers," O'Rourke reminds us, "does not mean a loss of deeper human powers like love, understanding and trust in other people."

Many medical advances have been discovered to prolong life, and machinery has been invented to sustain life. Now, gerontologists are needed to help upgrade the quality of life facing our elderly.

Dr. O'Rourke specializes in Counseling Service programs geared to working with elderly people. He teaches about aging - because that is what he likes to do. He has been instrumental in starting a program called Elder Enrichment through the North Essex Mental Health Center in Haverhill.

In 1978, Dr. O'Rourke became an integral part of the Gerontology Program at Northern Essex. His knowledge, understanding and the "soft spot in his heart" for the elderly has done much to enrich the NECC prospectus.

He is an active member of an organization called CORPUS (Corps of Resident Priests United For Service). He recently participated in a Channel 4 television program, a show of faith, to help champion the cause of the 10,000 married priests in the United States, who live with the hope that some day the Church will accept them as married priests and welcome them back to their pulpits.

Anyone who has been a participant in Dr. O'Rourke's classes or a part of his Gerontology Program would certainly agree that along with the Ph.D. he has earned for himself, Dr. Bill O'Rourke should also be awarded an additional degree, HHD, Humanitarian of the Highest Degree.

Life Long Learning lectures explain Hospice program

by Nancy Shack

"Death is the final step in dying," according to Mary Ellen O'Hara of the Hospice of Greater Lawrence. "The dying person should have the right to die with dignity." O'Hara spoke about the Hospice Program as part of the lecture series of the Life-Long Learning Program at NECC.

With a small, attentive group of about 12 people, O'Hara, Chairman of Education and Training Committee, explained the meaning and purpose of Hospice and its background.

The Hospice concept began in Europe long ago and has only until recently been gaining acceptance in the United States. Patients who are accepted into a Hospice have a terminal illness ranging from cancer, to Alzheimers disease, to heart disease. These patients have a life expectancy of at least one month to six months.

Volunteers from the Hospice go into homes and help the dying person and his/her family deal with the stress. These volunteers are trained for a 10 week

period of two and a half hour sessions. The training sessions are followed by support and discussion groups so all officers and medical staff are kept abreast of the patient's status as the days go on.

The goal of the volunteer program is to help alleviate the pain of the patient and help make their last days comfortable, as well as deal directly with the family after the death.

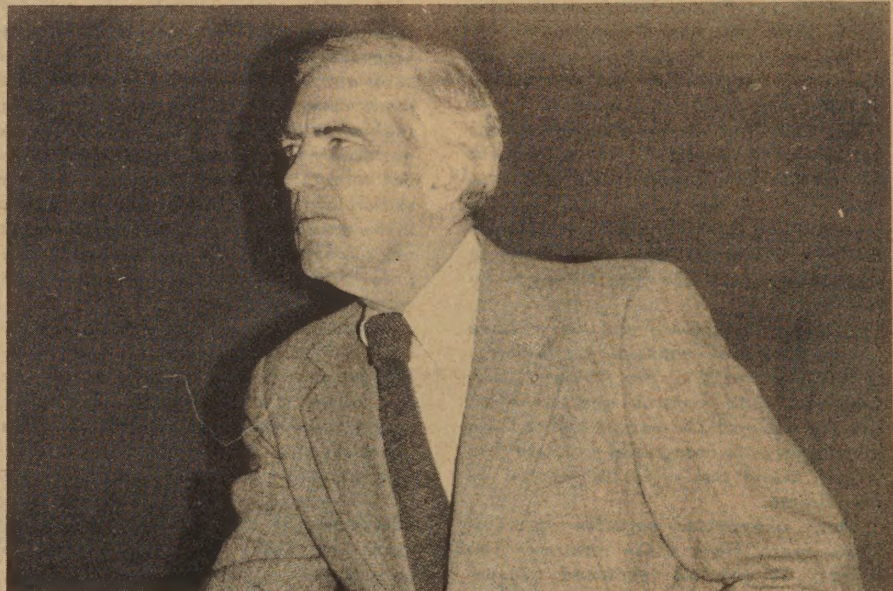
During this bereavement stage, volunteers have in the past grown so close with both the patient and survivors, they attend many wakes and funerals. From this point, it must be remembered there is still living to be done by the survivors and the volunteers continue their work here as well.

Those persons interested in taking the training course and making a commitment of a year to the Hospice of Greater Lawrence should contact Rev. Priscilla Schumm at 689-0383. The next training session begins March 21 and the cost is free.

cooking fish. She believes that "in most parts of the Merrimack, the carp people throw back is edible, and the quality of meat in these fish is all right."

The Urban Anglers are ready to answer any questions or give interested students further information on the program or where to fish in your area. Your participation is welcome as a student or as a volunteer instructor. For more information contact: Ilo Howard, Program Coordinator, Urban Angler, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Field Headquarters, Westboro, Mass. 01581.

Carolyn Reynolds, Coordinator of Lifelong Learning Programs, has planned a series of Wednesday bus trips to the Kennedy Library, the Museum of Fine Arts and theater matinees in Boston this Spring. Although geared to retired persons, these programs are open to all members of the community.



Barney Gallagher, Haverhill Gazette, describes newspaper profession to journalism students March 8. -Cathy Olson photo.

Gallagher shares experiences

by Randy LeRu

Barney Gallagher, 37 year veteran writer for the Haverhill Gazette, visited the journalism classes at Northern Essex March 8. Gallagher is in charge of community relations for the newspaper. In his tenure with the Gazette, he has covered sports, police beats, courts, fires, been an editorial writer and a managing editor.

In high school, he was a news correspondent. After serving in the Air Force where he was a photographer, he joined the Haverhill newspaper staff. At that time, he was a photographer four days a week and a reporter one day. In time, he was doing more writing than photography.

Gallagher recommended journalism students take a large variety of courses and gather as many skills as possible, including photography. He explained that when he entered the profession, only a

high school education was required to get into the newspaper business. Today, he said, it is a must to have a degree.

"Being a reporter can be a fascinating business," he said. "You meet all kinds of people from senators to actors. Every day can bring new learning experiences and most of the time, no two days are alike."

There are disadvantages as well to being a reporter. Working with tight schedules, distractions in the newsroom, confusion, and much waiting are among them.

He said you can be stuck in the mud when reporting from the ghettos, where you may end up taking a cockroach or two home with you.

Opportunities are endless in the journalism field whether you're behind the scenes, behind the camera, or on top of the hottest story of the week, Gallagher concluded.

Gazette editor lends a hand

The Observer staff had guidance from a real professional at lay-out for this issue. Managing Editor of the Haverhill Gazette Sue Schauer joined the crew all day Saturday and helped out. Her expertise

and practical suggestions made the weekend one of extra fun and learning. Many thanks to Sue from all of us. We hope she'll come again. Betty Arnold, Observer advisor.

Fishing fun boosted by workshop

by Nancy Shack

"Fishing should be fun," says Jack Dixon, an employee of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Mr. Dixon spoke to an attentive audience of about 25 at last week's Life Long Learning meeting about the Urban Angler Program.

This program is designed to teach basic fishing skills to beginners and new anglers for everyone. By teaching these skills, the program hopes to encourage more area fishing, increase the knowledge of our fishing laws, teach how and where to catch certain fish, and provide an awareness to people of their effects on the environment.

The program holds workshops to train volunteers. These workshops take approximately 15-20 hours, then the graduates help instruct others.

The Angler coordinator, Ilo Howard, also from the Mass. Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, began the program about four years ago when she saw fishermen throw away perfectly good

Variety



Mary Jane Gillespie and Nancy Brown, members of the Peace Committee.
-Carl Russo photo.

Nuke week plans set

by Phyllis Pucci

The Peace Day Committee met on March 1 and March 8 to continue planning of Nuclear Awareness Week to be held on campus April 27 through May 6.

The guest speaker at the March 8 meeting was Shelly Burman of Educators for Social Responsibility. He gave suggestions on how to involve students and faculty in nuclear arms issues.

Burman began his presentation with a slide show entitled, *Psychology of Nuclear Armaments*, which dealt with feelings people have about nuclear war. The show is used to help educate faculty, staff and students about the dangers of nuclear weapons.

Some of the issues discussed at the meeting were how to link the arms race issue to all areas of education, including computer science, English, history, etc., and possible workshops or seminars for faculty and staff, dealing with students' fears, or psychic numbing.

One objective of Educators for Social Responsibility is raising awareness of the nuclear weapons issues, given that some people don't want to consciously think about the possibility of a nuclear war, because of fear.

Burman said the short-term goal of those involved in the nuclear arms issue should be to stop the arms race, and the long-term goal should be to change the feelings and consciousness of people so

they think about peaceful ways of solving differences, as opposed to preparing for war.

Along with the Nuclear Arms Awareness Film Series, which began March 7 and continues through April 25, the Peace Day Committee is also planning events for Nuclear Awareness Week, beginning April 27, All College Day.

The tentative schedule for Nuclear Awareness Week is to have an informational table set up on All College Day with fact flyers, flyers on upcoming events, information on the nuclear arms race, etc. Also on that day, they hope to have "Strangest Dream," a singing group from Gloucester, perform outdoors or in the game room.

Continuing through the week of May 2, Nuclear Awareness Week will include various speakers knowledgeable on the nuclear issue, film festivals, discussion groups, a poster exhibit, a library exhibit of related books, various entertainment, and a workshop through the Division of Continuing Education entitled, "Getting To The Heart Of The Matter: Exploring Feelings About Nuclear War."

Some of the films to be shown that week include *China Syndrome*, *On The Beach*, and *War Games*.

There is also the possibility of having a theater presentation by NECC students, arranged with the help of Profs. Gene Boles and Shelley Newman.

Film series begins

by Phyllis Pucci

The Nuclear Arms Awareness Film Series, sponsored by the NECC Peace Committee, began Monday, March 7, with two slide shows: *The Last Slide Show*, and *Unforgettable Fire*.

The Last Slide Show was made in Stoughton, Massachusetts, not as the last slide show ever made, as the title implies, but, the producers hope, as the last slide show made discussing the threat of nuclear war.

The slide show discusses human beings' weakness for weapons, starting with the chariot races of 2,000 B.C., and continuing with muskets, guns, cannons, artillery, tanks, and finally, nuclear bombs.

Each time a new weapon was conceived, it was built; each time a weapon was built, it was used. Every time a weapon was conceived, built, and used, the world changed. Possibly the biggest change after the use of a weapon came when the U.S. dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945. As the slide show projects pictures of some of the injured at Hiroshima, Harry Truman is heard saying, "This is the greatest thing in history."

According to the narrator of the slide show, by the 1960's, we had the capability to kill the world population 24 times. Recently, world leaders talked about Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD), then it was first-strike weapons, supposedly capable of causing so much damage that the enemy would not be able to retaliate. Now there is talk of a "limited nuclear war," and the neutron bomb, which destroys people, but not buildings.

The Last Slide Show suggests that if we join together, we can stop the madness.

Unforgettable Fire, a 15-minute slide presentation, is made mostly of drawings by survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The 2,300 drawings were made in 1974-75, with descriptions made by each artist. They show the images still imprinted in the minds of people who had witnessed the first atomic bomb, dropped thirty years before the pictures were drawn.

Starting with a drawing of the mushroom cloud, the paintings become more powerful. There are scenes of children searching for their parents, a mother trying to claw a hole in a wall to rescue her child, and charred bodies lying at the edge of a river.

The bomb, dropped 2,000 feet over Hiroshima City, was made of 20,000 tons of T.N.T., and within 24 hours the city, four and a half miles wide, was turned into rubbish, dead bodies, and ashes. A fireball 510 feet high was created, and the ground temperature where the bomb hit was 10,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Unforgettable Fire explains that the U.S. has spent \$1.3 trillion since World War II on weapons, and has an overkill of eight times the population of the Soviet Union.

The last scene in the slide show is of a monument erected in Hiroshima. It reads, "Rest in peace, for we will not repeat the sin."

The Nuclear Arms Awareness Film Series continues through April 25. Films are on Mondays from 12-1 p.m. and 2-3 p.m. in the projection room, E-153, in the Science Building.

There will be group discussions of nuclear weapons issues, time permitting.

Other films/slide shows are:

MARCH 28: *Threat of Nuclear War*, a 20-minute slide presentation produced by the Union of Concerned Scientists. The show is an examination of the nuclear arms race beginning with the Manhattan Project through the most current weapons systems, including the B-1 Bomber, Trident, MX and Cruise missiles, as compared to the weapons systems of the U.S.S.R.

APRIL 4: *John, Mary, Mirv and Marv*, a 20-minute slide show that introduces the audience to the nuclear arms issue, describing the activities of the U.S. and Russia in the proliferation of nuclear weapons; and *Hostage at Hell's Bottom-The Economy & The Pentagon*, which demonstrates connections between increased military spending and unemployment, inflation, social service cut-backs, drain on industrial capacity, and national security.

APRIL 11: *I Have Three Children of My Own*, a 20-minute slide show with Dr. Helen Caldicott, of Physicians for Social Responsibility. Caldicott discusses the medical implications of nuclear power.

APRIL 25: *The Last Epidemic*, a 36-minute film produced by Physicians for Social Responsibility. It describes the damage to the environment and the long-range devastation to the planet. Included are statements by members of the medical and scientific communities.

McGovern strives to improve criminal justice

by Paula Fuoco and Jim Hegarty

Issues that concern the public concern Senator Patricia McGovern. She is striving to improve criminal justice, the mental health programs and the downtown Lawrence area. Chairperson for the Mental Health Committee and the Senate Rules and Regulations Committee, she is also a member of the Criminal Justice Committee. Although her active participation in so many committees admittedly "spreads her thin," she chooses to do so due to a fervent interest in the problems that face citizens of the Commonwealth.

Senator McGovern believes that the current legal system in Massachusetts needs to be drastically changed and improved.

"It just is not working. The legal system is based on a 300-year old county legal system. It was not originally purposed to serve a large population. Court reorganization may take awhile because the current system has been around so long," she commented in a recent interview at the State House.

She proposes that an increased police force and more prosecutors who are accurately informed as to the rights of the victim would greatly increase justice within the legal system.

McGovern firmly supports strict penalties for drunken drivers. Massachusetts has experienced an all-time low record for accidents caused by drunken drivers since the drinking age has been raised to 20. "You can just look at the statistics and see the correlation between the drinking

age going up and the number of fatal accidents going down," she observes.

The Criminal Justice Committee has dealt with zoning laws prohibiting the existence of pornographic stores in various areas. It has recommended laws related to child labor, juvenile justice and the distressing problem of pornography. The infamous Combat Zone is not a target of the committee. "It shouldn't bother you if you don't go there. I don't like it, so I don't go there," McGovern says.

In 1974 a young boy was brutally murdered by a man who was mentally ill. The man had been released from the Northampton Mental Hospital only three short weeks before committing the murder.

This hideous incident induced the formation of a committee to investigate the mental health institutions in Massachusetts. McGovern feels that the definition of insanity must be redefined. She remarks, "A line must be drawn on what insanity is. There are those criminals who plead insanity to manipulate the courts and evade punishment." The Administrators at mental health hospitals must be far more cautious as to when a prisoner is mentally and emotionally ready to be released.

"The release of that man was a result of bad organization, a rush, and poor judgment on the part of the administrators at the Northampton Hospital," McGovern says.

McGovern is focusing much of her

attention to the economic rehabilitation of Lawrence. Connecting Route 495 to the downtown Lawrence area would perhaps attract more consumers to the area, she says. A tax consideration could be given to those companies that choose to establish themselves in Lawrence. "The citizens of Lawrence must think positively. Lowell did a fine job in improving its self image -- now Lawrence must do the same," the Senator says. The purpose of the Heritage Park Development Project is to beautify and provide a restful spot in the heart of downtown Lawrence where one can relax.

McGovern fears that Northern Essex Community College is shifting its attention to the middle class rather than the lower economic class which it originally intended to accommodate. Those who can afford the private, more expensive colleges are opting to attend NECC as a means of saving money. Those who are poor should not be ignored in favor of those in the higher income brackets. Higher education should be available to all, especially those who desire to improve their economic condition. NECC must remain dedicated to provide opportunities for the poor.

The Board of Regent's proposal that a combined SAT score of 800 be essential to gain acceptance into any Massachusetts state college meets with Senator McGovern's opposition.

"I have never seen such opposition to a plan. Everyone opposes it," McGovern says. She feels the Board of Regents'



Sen. Patricia McGovern.

proposal is an attempt to raise the standard of education at junior high and senior high school levels. "The attention should be placed on improving the quality of education instead of ostracizing those who are victims of a poor educational system," she says.

Senator McGovern is a lawyer who was active in the study of the judicial system in Massachusetts before she went to the State House.

This story is based on a recent interview by Observer reporters with Senator McGovern at the State House.

Campus news

Dean McDonald heads academic affairs

by Debbie Kealey

The Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Robert McDonald, has been at Northern Essex since 1967.

A graduate of Holy Cross College, McDonald received his master's degree at the University of Massachusetts and his doctorate at the University of New Hampshire. Each degree was in mathematics.

McDonald initially joined the NECC Math Department and he later became the chairman of the Math, Science and Technology Division, serving in that capacity from 1972 to 1978, when he was appointed Dean of Academic Affairs.

McDonald lives in Andover, Massachusetts with his wife Elizabeth and their one-year-old daughter, Maura.

McDonald enjoys painting, reading, skiing and cooking, and has many of his paintings hanging in his office in the B Building. McDonald stated that his ability to paint "just came naturally." He has had no formal training in painting.

He cherishes one painting in his office, a winter scene with a house nestled in the forest with a light shining through a window of the house.

McDonald has a very busy schedule. He works year-round but he finds time to enjoy his chalet in North Conway, New Hampshire. He has owned the chalet for

four years. The waterfront chalet is located on Ossipee Lake. He stated that North Conway is a great location for a chalet because it can be used in the winter and summer.

McDonald feels that it is an exciting time to be in higher education. His job at the institution is mainly making the decisions concerning Academic Affairs. He decides upon the curricula of the institution and he also hires all the school's faculty.

McDonald was very happy to announce the new curriculum on the agenda for the fall semester. The new programs are Robotics, which is aligned with the computer area, Paralegal Studies, Information Management, and Medical Transcription.

McDonald feels that people's attitudes toward Northern Essex have changed tremendously as more people, young and old, are enrolling at NECC.

McDonald stated that the percentage of older students at the college is still very low but the numbers are increasing. He feels that if NECC weren't here, the older people wouldn't be able to continue with their schooling.

McDonald is very happy that the college can provide an excellent educational background for the young and the old.



Dean of Academic Affairs Robert McDonald. -Carl Russo photo.



Dean of Continuing Education John Peroni.

Continuing Ed has unique programs

by Jeff Wilson

Did you know that Northern Essex has programs for 10 year olds?

The college offers programs for all ages, says Dean of Continuing Education and Community Services John Peroni. "We are not just what people used to think of as a night school," he says. "Our programs are not just for adults. We have computer and adventure camps for kids, also a JOY (jump over years) program for exceptionally bright kids."

Peroni emphasizes the community service part of his Division. "I think that is important," he says. "The people in the community must think of us as a resource."

"I wish more people would take advantage of our Academic Support Center, where people can get their academic skills assessed without making a commitment to the college," Peroni says. "People are unaware of what a great source we have here."

As Dean of the Division of Continuing Education, Peroni would like to continue his work with business and industry and also to "work with a wide range of students."

"One of the greatest aspects of a community college is to work with all kinds of people," Peroni says. "We have some people who have never graduated from high school and some with bachelor's and master's degrees."

Other than summer and evening programs offered by the Division, Peroni says Continuing Education has a number of very unique programs.

"We have an evening business management course where a student can get an associate's degree in two years," he says. The course consists of ten, eight-week modules allowing students to take two courses "back to back" two nights a week. Offered to the students who want to complete one course quickly is a three week mini course beginning May 31, four nights a week.

"We have an evening nursing program which is the first of its kind, other than New York City, on the East Coast," Peroni says. "It is the same as the day time (R.N.) program but you must go four years instead of two."

Northern Essex's Continuing Education Division is the first school of its kind to have a full-time counselor. Martha Paisner has been at the college for a number of years.

Because his Division receives no state funding, Continuing Education students "must pay significantly more per credit hours than day students," Peroni says.

"There is a serious movement underfoot to get state funding, more serious than I've ever seen before. My big hope is for partial funding although I do not expect to see it soon," he says.

No classes Thursday

NECCUM opens doors to study abroad

by Jeff Wilson

An International Education Workshop, coordinated by Usha Sellers, Chairperson of the Division of Social Sciences, was held for the Northeast Consortium of Colleges and Universities (NECCUM) members at Northern Essex March 10-11.

The workshop, led by Dr. Stephen Beiner of Rockland Community College, New York, and Dr. Jack McLean of Mohican Community College, Connecticut, was held to inform NECCUM colleges about "academic programs abroad being offered" by the College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS).

Beiner, acting director of CCIS, informed NECCUM representatives how these programs have worked in other two year colleges and how they may implement them at their schools.

Also discussed by Beiner was the program itself, finances, grades needed and the handling of transcripts.

A student wishing to enter this program would pay tuition at Northern Essex and his transcripts from abroad would be sent to NECC.

"Because the program is sponsored by a non-profit organization, it is very inexpensive," said Beiner. The cost can be as low as \$2,000 and can be supplemented by Pell Grant money.

The programs offer students a chance to study in 15 possible countries including England, Ireland, Spain, Germany, Egypt and Israel for one semester or a year.

"Where you stay during your studies depends upon the program you enter,"



Dr. Stephen Beiner of Rockland Community College, New York, and Dr. Jack McLean of Mohican Community College, Connecticut, speak at the NECCUM Symposium.

-Carl Russo photo.

Beiner said. "You may stay in a dormitory or a host's home."

Sellers, who came to the United States as an international education student from India, said, "I would like to see our students go abroad and get involved in the rest of the world, if not in the name of peace, then for educational and economic purposes."

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She says no decision on the programs will be made until college officials discuss the matter.

Present to welcome workshop participants were Sellers, Dean of Academic Affairs Robert McDonald and Director of NECCUM Dianne Strange.

Teachers vote to stay with MTA two to one

by Jim Hegarty

In an overwhelming show of support, community college teachers across the state voted by an almost two to one margin to retain the services of the MCCC/MTA as their collective bargaining unit.

Out of a possible 1378 votes, the MTA came away with 830, in comparison to 483 votes for the MFT. The remaining 65 votes were an assortment of non-union preferences, blanks, and challenges, according to the Mass. Labor Relations Board.

Jim Bradley, MTA president, called the outcome "a clear mandate that the MTA has, and will continue to serve us extremely well." He also commented that the election was an "orderly, well-run campaign on both sides."

Bradley claimed that the union was confident of its strength and said that the margin of victory at the polls was expected.

While the MTA basked in the glow of its victory, the MFT is taking time to lick its

wounds. Bernard Horn, MFT spokesman, said he was "disappointed that the results weren't closer," adding that pre-election estimates pointed to a much closer race than actually took place.

Horn said that the decision to stick with the MTA could mean trouble in that it indicates that the people are satisfied with what he calls "a bad situation."

As to whether he would try and marshal his forces for another MFT bid in the future, Horn said it is doubtful. "It has nothing to do with the union situation, but it is a reflection of very strong personal feelings regarding the center of leadership on this campus," he said.

"The leadership at this college has convinced the faculty that we really can't expect much. The center of leadership here (and by that I don't necessarily mean Jim Bradley, but the most influential people), is elitist," he added.

Horn pointed out that he didn't want to "sound like sour grapes. Just put down that I'm a little bit angry, and just a little bit bitter," he said.



At the polls March 10. -Carl Russo photo.

Campus news

Medical screening free

by Linda Gallant

All persons 18 or older may take advantage of free medical screenings at Northern Essex's annual Health Fair at the College Center April 29.

The event coordinated by Pat Kepschull, R.N., Director of Health Services at Northern Essex, is part of a national council's crusade to bring health education to communities.

There are three different levels - national, regional, and local - to this program. The "Health Works" screening concept was developed by the Washington based National Health Screening Council. The regional districts usually are large cities which encompass a larger range of local communities that actually hold the fairs. Northern Essex is part of Boston's district.

The regional and national groups help promote the local fairs by providing health and promotional pamphlets as well as radio and television publicity. WCVB-TV, Channel Five, sponsors the Boston area.

Each fair must follow national guidelines. Sponsors may include banks, television stations and service organizations. Health fairs must have five components: multiple test screening,

health education, counseling, referrals, and follow-ups. Multiple screenings involve a group of physical tests given at one time and place. The screening package for Northern Essex will include tests for the following: obesity, hypertension (blood pressure), anemia, and visual acuity. A blood test which regularly costs \$75 will be available for \$8. For information about more of the tests, check with Health Services.

After the tests, professional follow-ups are made by physicians. It is the follow up after the screening that differentiates the NHSC models from other health screening projects.

Referrals are made by the doctors and professional staff to each individual who needs it. People are referred to clinics, programs, and physicians.

Screening shouldn't be used in place of regular medical exams. The purpose of the health fair is to stress health awareness.

Volunteers are needed at the different stations. Some are given training sessions in advance. Nursing students are needed to take blood pressures and conduct the more complicated tests; those interested may contact Kepschull at the Health Services Office.

Financial aid ready

by Phyllis Pucci

Financial Aid checks for students who received spring awards will be ready on Wednesday, March 16, according to Director of Financial Aid Dick Pastor.

Students can check a list which will be posted on the bulletin board in the Financial Aid Office, Room B-217, for their names. If your name is not on the list, and you think it should be, check with someone in the Financial Aid Office.

If your name is on the list, you can pick up your check(s) in the Bursar's Office, second floor of B-Building, on Wednesday, March 16 and Friday, March 18. On March 21 and after, checks will be available in the Payroll Office, Room 212 in the

Library. Positive identification, such as driver's license or student I.D., is required.

Students are reminded to file their Financial Aid Form (FAF) for the 1983-84 school year as soon as possible. The deadline for Mass. State Scholarships has passed, but there are still funds available from all the other Financial Aid programs.

For example, students who apply prior to April 15 will be eligible for NECC Financial Aid in September and January, as well as a Pell Grant. If the FAF is received before Nov. 1, only NECC Financial Aid in January and Pell Grants will be available. Students can apply until March, 1984, to be considered for a Pell Grant for the 1983-84 school year.

Books long overdue

by Ruth DesRoches

The Learning Resource Center has announced that there are still more than a hundred students whose grades and transcripts are being withheld by the Registrar's office. The reason for this action is overdue library books.

In addition, students with overdue books from previous semesters and this semester will be unable to register for Fall, 1983. Suspension of library privileges will continue until such books are returned. The LRC, therefore, requests that students settle their library debts, and once again make those books available to others.

The LRC staff has been hearing complaints that the noise level on the first floor is distracting studying students. They wish to remind students that this floor is the center of library activities (reference, circulation), the library machines (photocopier, microfilm readers, etc.), and the College Conference area. Students wishing a quiet study area should seek out the second floor. However, if this floor is also noisy, do not hesitate to notify a member of the library staff. The second floor does

not allow studying in a seminar fashion. This is allowed only on the first floor.

The LRC has acquired the current edition of the *United States Code Annotated*, which is the complete law of the land, containing the "entire text of all the permanent and general laws of the United States and the vital decisions that have construed these laws." This acquisition was donated by the law offices of Haverhill Atty. Herbert Phillips. With the increasing interest in law books by NECC students and faculty, the staff says the USCA is an important and valuable addition to the library's collection.

The display of books dealing with the World War I and pre-World War II era sparked considerable interest. Inspired by the mini-series which adapted Herman Wouk's bestseller, *The Winds of War*, the display featured more than 35 books on the subject. The circulating collection also has a great many more books on this subject. The LRC staff finds it heartening that books that were previously less popular but represent significant areas of history, literature, and culture have begun to circulate more heavily.

Pastor, director of Financial Aid.

Instruction will be given on filling out the Financial Aid Form (FAF), and the financial aid award process for all programs will be explained.

Discussions will be held on how the new law requiring Selective Service registration for aid applicants affects the students' eligibility, how financial aid awards are utilized in the tuition billing process, what to do when family income changes due to illness or unemployment, and what effect the receipt of non-taxable income has on financial aid eligibility.

There will also be time for questions and answers.



Academic Support Center Director Ed Korza.

Centers provide tutors

by Randy LeRu

Do you have any minor difficulties with basic math or basic algebra? How about reading or your ability to write? There is a convenient way to get help you may need. In the Classroom Building, on the second floor, there are Math, Reading and Writing Centers.

At each of these, there are teachers available for free tutoring. At the Math Center you may get help for trouble you may be having with math courses at any level. Whether you are coping with minor or major problems, the staff is there to assist you. Just stop by and ask for someone to help.

The Reading Center offers two courses: Introduction to Reading Strategies and Reading Strategies. These two courses are designed to help improve your ability to read college level material and to increase your vocabulary. For Introduction to Reading Strategies, you spend two hours in the classroom and two hours at the Reading Center. The second course requires three hours of classes a week and an hour at the Center.

At the Writing Center, basic writing courses as well as tutoring are offered. The Basic Writing class meets for two hours of classes and spends two hours weekly at the Center.

Another program connected with the labs is Discovery, a special program for students to prepare for college courses.

For each of these centers, there are a coordinator and staff members to assist you. Nancy Nickerson is the coordinator for the Math Center. Other staff there includes Paulette Redmond, Beverly Cordova, Nancy Lee Jensen, Betty Jane Cress, Marsha Burns, Bill Carol, and Linda Murphy.

At the Reading Center, Patricia McDermott is the Reading Curriculum Coordinator and Gene Winter is the Reading Lab Coordinator. Other staff are Penny Kelly, Barbara Rozman, Debbie Trembley and Donna White.

Eric Branscomb is the coordinator for the Writing Center. Staff there includes Donna Holt, Ronnie Sheehan, Suzanne Van Wert, Marcia Alexopoulos, Joan Marvott, and Belbis Vega.

Services for the blind

by Tom McKenna

The Recording for the Blind, housed in New York since 1965, is enlarging its services and is moving this summer to 20 Rozle Road, Princeton, N.J. 08540.

The Recording for the Blind provides tapes of books and has a library of 25,000 titles, fiction and non-fiction. Those desiring the service are asked to send two copies of the book to insure accuracy so the reader can follow the person doing the taping. To order a book, give the name of the author, publisher and edition as well as your own identification.

The special cassette players needed to play the books may be obtained through the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

The Massachusetts Commission for the Blind has a phone message tape available; it is updated weekly. The tape provides news concerning issues affecting the blind population in Massachusetts.

You may plug into the tape by calling between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Call 1-800-392-6450.

Variety of services offered

The Skills Assessment Center helps students find their own levels in reading, writing, and math. Students are tested at the start of their first semester.

If the students need help, they may be required to take Reading Strategies (Reading Center), Basic Writing or Spelling Laboratory (Writing Center), Basic Math or Basic Algebra (Math Center). Pat Belmont is the coordinator for Skills Assessment, assisted by Romaine Shea and Joe Hatem.

English as a Second Language (ESL) helps individuals whose language is not English get to know and use the English language.

There are four levels. One and two (18 weeks, 450 hours, no credits), involve sentence structure and basic conversation. Three and four (16 weeks, 7 hours a week, 3 credits), include reading comprehension, essay writing, and help students understand the English language.

Students in levels three and four may also take other college credit courses. Allan Hislop is coordinator of ESL. His staff members are Sandra Fotinos, Al Boch, Josephina Namias, and Aida Cabrera.

Discovery Program is designed for students who need individual assistance and support when they start their college education. Students go at their own pace, as part-time or full-time students. After completing the Discovery Program, students may transfer to other college programs.

Elizabeth Wilcoxson coordinates the Discovery Program with Ken Holden and Phillip Sittnick assisting.

Learning Disabilities is an aid for students with visual disabilities or learning disabilities. At the Learning Resource Center, books, records, films, newspaper, and audio-visual materials to help with general reading are available. Jan Scheerer is the learning disabilities coordinator.

The services are part of the Northern Essex Academic Support Center directed by Ed Korza. The Center is open Monday-Friday, 8-4.

Cassette players issued by the Library of Congress to the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind are in short supply.

If a student has received a broken player, he may send it back for repairs. Machines may be mailed to the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, 72 Second Street, Cambridge, MA 02242 or you can call the toll-free number 1-800-392-6450, ext. 9840. If necessary, someone will come to the home to pick up the cassette player.

Due to lack of funding and a high percentage of machine breakdown, many people are on a waiting list. Additionally, many machines are left unused at some hospitals and nursing homes.

According to a spokesman at the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, in one lot of machines sent last week to needy individuals throughout the state, more than 25 were returned for repairs.

Aid meeting scheduled

by Phyllis Pucci

The Office of Financial Aid will hold a Financial Aid Information Evening on Thursday, March 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Conference Center in the Library.

The event is open to all current and prospective NECC students and their families.

"The purpose of this evening is to give all potential students information on the financial aid opportunities available, as well as to provide insight into the procedures, timing, and other details that will hopefully put this complicated process into perspective," says Dick

Commentary

Crime wave affects whole school

Northern Essex is here to serve the community, and we have a number of facilities to help us do so, not the least of which is the gymnasium.

Recently thefts and vandalism have plagued the gym; we must regard these acts as attacks directed to the entire school -- they certainly affect us all.

Lockers have been broken into and rendered virtually useless. Athletic Department equipment as well as personal property have been stolen and it is likely that nothing will be replaced.

Who is going to pay for repairs to the college's lockers? So far it seems losses will be paid for out of the Athletic Department's budget.

Since this plague is a growth which afflicts the whole school, it is wrong to take from one department, from the students who probably have the most respect for the gym and its equipment.

If the door were torn from the room in the Classroom Building where musical instruments are stored, would it be charged to the Music Club? We should certainly hope not.

College is a place where one should develop respect; respect for education as well as respect for others. There is no respect in crime. Along with crime come accusations, mistrust and bad reputations. Does NECC want this kind of reputation? What if a visiting athletic team were to have equipment stolen?

Thieves belong in the gutter. Do we want these people to drag NECC into the gutter with them?

We feel the school as a whole must deal with this problem. Every student, teacher, department and division.

There is a bad apple in every bunch. We could bury the apple under good ones but it would eventually surface, as this one has. In order to get rid of the bad we must not hide it, nor seclude it.

The school as a whole has been affected; the school as a whole should pay for the losses in the Athletic Department.

College has built good reputation

Northern Essex has certainly built a good reputation for itself among the Massachusetts state colleges and universities. We have come to be respected for solid education and excellent services; in short, NECC has become a leader, an example for other schools to follow.

We think Governor Dukakis' choice of our school as a place to present his budget to the region signifies this leadership. There had to be more influencing his choice than building sizes and geographical location.

Whether it be retraining a company's employees, or hosting a senator's visit, NECC has shown that it can do the job and do it well.

The school has been rewarded for its efforts with generous budget increases and we hope that this will continue. However, funds for major improvements have been obtained with great difficulty or not obtained at all.

These funds should be provided -- the school has proven that it knows how to handle money, and the school has worked to provide the services needed by the community. More importantly, the school has succeeded.

We hope that Governor Dukakis has noticed and been impressed by Northern Essex. We hope that his administration will look favorably upon state education, and realize the needs of Massachusetts' schools, particularly its colleges, community colleges, and universities.

Northern Essex has worked idealistically to be the best -- we hope the people who run the state will let the school continue in its efforts.

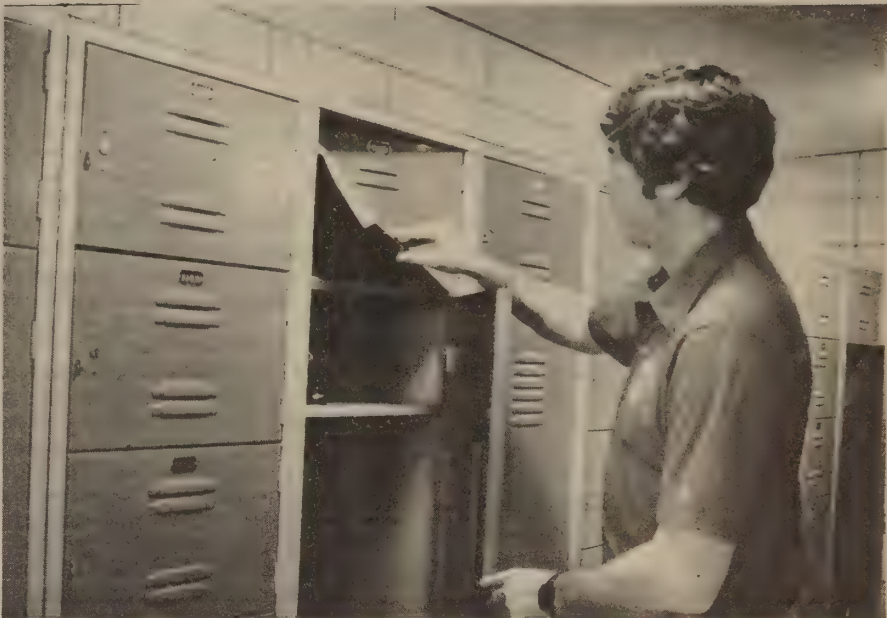
The Research Office is undertaking a study of the travel time Northern Essex Community College's Day students invest in coming to school. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in completing the following survey form. When completed, please drop off the form at the Student Activities Office (first floor of the College Center).

Town of Residence: _____ (City) _____ (State)

Type of transportation: _____ Car _____ Public Transportation

Travel time (one way) in minutes _____

Estimated time for one way trip to closest other community college in minutes _____



Athletic Director Jack Hess examines damaged locker. -Carl Russo photo.

Political watch

Requests may hit hard place

by John J. Catania

Governor Michael Dukakis recently appeared on television and announced a \$7.36 billion budget for the Commonwealth.

His talk left little doubt that he has come full circle since the first time he was chief executive. In spite of the campaign rhetoric and promises, he has reverted to his habit of raising money by taxes.

According to the governor, he inherited a \$350 million deficit from his predecessor. But David Bartley, Secretary of Finance in the King Administration, said that when he left office there was a \$37 million surplus. It looks as though someone had made a colossal error.

The day after the speech on T.V., a spokesman for the administration said there was no mistake. The surplus was for fiscal 1983 and the deficit would occur in 1984.

The governor went on to claim that Massachusetts is better off economically and financially than most states. He pointed to California, which recently had to pay its bills with IOU's. How we got to this envious position was not part of the information he dispensed. One must assume that his administration deserves

the credit since he did not mention that the previous one had anything to do with it. A marvelous accomplishment in such a short time....

Much of the Dukakis budget proposal may find a difficult, uphill situation in the legislature. Most lawmakers are not sure we need or could stand new taxes. The people are not ready to accept them.

The 11-cent tax on gasoline should have no trouble since it represents only a one cent increase on today's prices. Human Services and Crime will require over \$70 million more in new taxes, but it should find favor among the lawmakers.

But the \$2.2 billion in local aid may hit a hard place. The figure is a \$151 million increase over the present amount and legislators are not convinced that cities and towns have done all that is possible to cut spending and waste.

There is a 7.8 percent increase in state spending over the current year. This should meet stiff opposition since none of it is marked for an increase in legislative or administrative salaries.

The insiders seem to think that the final budget approved by the House and Senate will be in the vicinity of \$6.3 billion.

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Commentary

Greenfield editor protests policing of financial aid

To: Editors of the Massachusetts Community College Student Newspapers
Re: Campaign for the repeal of Public Legislation 97-252 and the organization of a united student government.

An amendment to existing legislation has recently been passed that requires all males born after Dec. 31, 1959, who are not currently engaged in active military duty, to register for the draft in order to be eligible for federal financial aid programs. This means students (already subject to criminal prosecution for failure to comply) will be refused federal financial aid if they do not register. It also means that failure of college administrations to enforce the law would result in the possible termination of federal financial aid to those schools altogether.

Opposition to the law is wide-spread because it discriminates against financially disadvantaged male students. It is also of grave concern to many that this law is but a mere danger signal of future attempts, by government, to impose its will on the institution of higher learning. "Police for us today - censor for us tomorrow," if you will.

Actions already taken to repeal the law include a resolution made by the presidents of the Massachusetts state colleges and universities endorsing a repeal and a Supreme Court review of the law's constitutionality. Further action to ensure the repeal of this law depends largely on your response to my communication.

In reviewing all the possible avenues of approach I discovered (to my dismay) that students, with all their potential power, have no means by which they might consolidate their efforts in pursuing educational interests on a national or even a state wide level. There is no "federalist" government to join students together. Rather, students have established individual senates at their respective schools as confederates with no mechanism to work jointly on any given issue.

They have broken the law

The government's arm-twisting tactics in this matter do certainly seem a bit drastic. Perhaps the legislation does discriminate against financially disadvantaged students; we must remember that we are discussing financially disadvantaged students who have broken the law, however.

The discrimination is unfortunately a result of the government's efforts to punish criminals in a most effective way - through the pocketbook, where the hurt is usually most felt in any matter.

The attempt to force college administrators to carry out the legislation by threatening to punish entire student bodies is apparently an attempt to remove the discriminatory nature of the law.

Withdrawal of financial aid benefits does seem to be an indirect and inappropriate punishment for the offense involved. However, we must remember that financial aid money is federal money-taxpayers' money. Should taxpayers be forced to support people who have refused to support them?

Those who refuse to register for the draft have shown a lack of concern for their countrymen. They have no desire to help our country. Why should their country help them?

A law, regardless of its moral basis, is a law. Disregard of the law is a crime, and those who commit crimes are punished. It's that simple.

Move is on for mandatory voting

Speaking of voting, there is a move in the General Court of Massachusetts to consider an idea of making voting mandatory. So many other things in the law are now mandatory that it is no surprise that the practice may one day apply to voting.

Representative Michael Barrett, who represents North Reading, Reading and a

Therefore, I submit for your review my proposal to create such a mechanism in the process of resolving the more pressing problem of getting the "draft-aid" law repealed. I appeal to you as responsible students in positions of leadership to utilize this proposal yourselves for all our mutual benefits. The following are the measures we have begun to take at Greenfield Community College.

1) A presentation to the Student Senate outlining the discriminatory nature of Pub. L. 97-252 and its effects on the student. The threat to educational sovereignty will be discussed as well.

2) A recommendation that the senate pass a similar resolution to that of their college presidents, endorsing the repeal of Pub. L. 97-252 and forward copies to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and the student newspaper as well as the local media.

3) A call for the senate's attention to the absence of a central government and an explanation of the need for one using the former issue as an illustration.

4) A proposal that the senate initiate a central student government movement by contacting other senates and discussing the concept at the Student Senate Convention that will soon be held at Berkshire Community College.

5) A request that a more comprehensive resolution be made by the convention as a body.

6) Position statements in the editorial section of the student newspaper.

7) Clear and objective news coverage of all the pertinent facts surrounding the entire movement.

It is far from beyond our ability to accomplish our goals as students and citizens. Only through persistent and consistent organization, however, may we hope to surpass them.

From: Scot Lee Frampton - Editor - Greenfield Community College Newspaper.

While college administrators should not have to enforce a government regulation (that's the government's job), people who do not register for the draft should not receive financial aid, or any federal benefits, for that matter.

It is absolutely true that students have "no means by which they might consolidate their efforts," and this is certainly the most pathetic by-product of our age group's apathy.

Last spring an effort toward student organization was made which enjoyed little success. The group was the Massachusetts Association of State Schools (MASS), and if it weren't for a lack of political awareness that runs like a plague throughout our colleges and universities, letters like this which deal with problems after they've occurred probably wouldn't be necessary.

The legislation in its present form should be opposed. The Observer will not support a law that forces school administrators to do the government's job.

We hope that the direct effect this legislation will have upon students can serve as a catalyst in the effort toward a more organized student population in Massachusetts.

Signed,

Dan Lyons

Clambake Chronicles

You can put away the handcuffs

by Judy Sirski

If it's adventure you want, I'm sure I can help you. I don't look for them, you understand. They simply zoom in upon me at irregular intervals. In fact, most of my adventures are the irregular sort. Sometimes, they do more than zoom.

Oh, well. At least I haven't needed to attempt an Everest ascent, a Cuba to Florida swim, or a coast to coast trip by pogo stick. I have never had the urge to attempt breaking the world's record for bubble gum blowing. I have never had the desire to try mud wrestling, log rolling, glacier climbing, or lion taming. I have never considered looking for the lost continent of Atlantis, the secret of the Great Pyramid, or a parking spot right in front of the store.

Why should I? I don't have to travel far for bone-chilling, spine-tingling, hair-raising excitement. It follows stealthily in my path and lunges for me just when things are going smoothly.

Who needs manufactured adventure when I have a parrot that spent an entire weekend terrorizing the president of a large, New York publishing firm? Who needs drama in real life when the rubber raft I was in exploded, resulting in an illegal swim in the drinking supply? Who needs cloak and dagger intrigue when they always search my luggage at airports



because I seem sneaky, nervous, and dangerous and always carry something odd that shows up on the X-ray machine in sinister, metallic detail? And, why seek the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat when I have a sump pump that works part-time?

I ask you, why spend money searching for adventure in exotic places when there are so many unusual thrills at home? Some people spend spring vacation in Aspen, skiing. Then, they can come home sporting a tanned, wind-burned face and a couple of crutches. Other people can accomplish the same thing in a bathtub. And their faces will be red, too.

So you see, it's not how far you travel or what daring feats you accomplish. Adventure is not always the swashbuckling, sword-wielding, dragon-slaying affair portrayed in the movies. I can prove it.

And, I will, just as soon as I extricate myself from this cellar window into which I am trying to climb. "No, officer, this is MY house. I just locked myself out. Identification? Sure, it's inside. Listen, you can put away the handcuffs..."

And you asked for adventure....

Sizing up the damages

by Veronica Byrne

Spring is almost upon us. It's time to dig out last year's bathing suit and size up the damages. Unless you've taken a winter vacation and retreated to some sun-drenched tropical island, you probably haven't given much thought to shorts, sundresses, or least of all, bathing suits.

Well wake up, it's that time again. Time to plan your strategy. You can't hide under that down-filled coat in mid-July. How did you do it last year? How will you ever manage to look the way you did in that skimpy garment you bought in a fit of self-confidence when you had a great mid-summer tan?

Have you checked the newsstands lately? Articles on hosts of diets abound. From Redbook to Cosmo; from Reader's Digest to Playboy. Take your pick. There's the famous (or infamous) Scarsdale Diet, which guarantees you'll lose it all and gain it all back again before you can say, "eight to ten glasses of water." Then there's Nutri-system, which is more recent but works on the same principle as Scarsdale-high protein, low (very low) carbohydrate. It sounds easy enough; you eat mostly eggs, fish, meat, and raw vegetables and drink lots of water for as long as it takes. But let's face it, as Mother Nature will attest (you remember her, the lady with no sense of humor), if you force your body to go without needed carbohydrates for an extended period of time, it will eventually crave them.

Aside from the fact you've waited too long for the day when you could start eating like a real person again, when that times finally comes, you will inevitably overcompensate for the carbohydrate deprivation you have forced upon yourself and gain back all or most of those pounds you've worked so hard to shed.

Next there's the Carbohydrate-craver's Diet. Now if you're anything like me, you can't get through a day without eating at least one cookie. You've read correctly.

Nancy Driscoll, Haverhill's City Clerk, thinks the Barrett Bill is totally impractical and probably unconstitutional.

"I think the time spent on enforcing it would be endless," she said.

Except that it infringes upon the rights of the individual, the idea is not a bad one. People should vote. It is an important duty. Only about 4 percent of the under 27

You may eat cookies and a host of other starchy foods while on this diet. The Carbohydrate-craver's Diet comes from the book of the same name, written by an M.I.T. professor of nutrition. In the book she supposedly documents cases where people have actually lost weight and kept it off by including a carbohydrate food with each meal and eating one starchy snack every day at a specified time when the individual dieter craves it most. Unlike the high-protein diets, this one does not deprive the body of any important food group. The author asserts that many people (including herself) are natural carbohydrate cravers. These people find it extremely difficult to get through the day without eating something sweet or starchy. The only catch here is that the dieter must maintain 1100 calories a day.

And then there are the magazine articles. One publication calls theirs the All-new Stay Full Non-diet. Sure, you can have a baked potato, they say, but don't you dare put any butter or sour cream on it. Have you ever attempted to eat a baked potato with nothing on it? It's kind of like having pizza with no cheese. Why bother? They tell you to make sugar your worst enemy. I can deal with that. But somehow I can't convince myself that Girl Scout chocolate mint cookies are out to get me. My taste buds just won't buy it.

Finally, if all else fails, or you just don't care to get wrapped up in all the pros and cons of this or that diet, maybe you could try putting simple common sense into practice. Simply eat less and exercise more. Be food-conscious by paying close attention to your eating habits. Eat only when you are hungry. And most important, exercise. It has been proven that exercising vigorously for 20 minutes three times a week actually curbs the appetite, not to mention the fact that it burns calories.

Good luck.

year olds show up at the polls. 68 percent are not even registered. Primaries rarely attract more than 17 percent of the total vote. Local elections show about 12 percent of the total registered voters.

If we are to control "Big Brother," we must do so with the tools on hand. The most important of those tools is the right to choose those who will represent us.

We do that by voting.

Commentary

Fad abuse - bad abuse

by Dan Lyons

It was like something out of a movie. It was Tuesday night, about 9:30, I'd say. I had my homework done, most of it anyway, and I decided that I needed a little relaxation.

A couple of cold ones and a little of that therapy that Marvin Gaye's been singing about lately wouldn't hurt in the least, I thought.

I changed my clothes (you don't want to wear anything nice in the places that I frequent) and called the Scooter. Within minutes he was paying the cover and I was producing an I.D.

We were still deciding whether to split up or work together when I saw her -- the breathing mannequin. She looked like a life-size Barbie doll, sitting there at the bar alone. Scooter and I soon separated, with an agreement to meet again in an hour at the pool table.

I pulled up next to her at the bar, and ordered.

"Bud and a shot of J.D.," I said. People like Barbie admire macho drinks, and guys who drink them. I was sure of that.

Now that I'd impressed her, I needed an opening line. I'd figure some way to dump the whiskey without her seeing it later.

"Got an extra cigarette?" I said. Stupid lines like that work in places like this.

"Shew-a, got one right hee-a," she said. It was then that I noticed that she had names written all over her clothing, mostly foreign names, and mostly guys. I didn't worry, though. I'd never heard of them, and I doubted they were going to show up in this place.

Guys named Sergio and Calvin don't last long in the bars I go to.

She produced the cigarette, a kind I had never seen before.

"What's this?" I asked in my witty conversational manner. You don't want to get too deep with these people; they'll think you're smart or something and leave before you have a chance to show them how utterly stupid you can really be when you try.

"It's a new kind," she said. "Makes your breath fresher as you smoke it. Kinda minty tasting, ya know?"

"Oh no," I thought, like Mr. Bill sticking his hand in a toaster. This is going to be menthol, and menthol makes me sick.

"What'll they think of next?" I said. "Chewing tobacco that makes your teeth whiter?"

While Barbie tried to figure out what I meant, I hurried to the men's room to

flush the thing down the toilet.

I was standing at the sink trying to get my head together when a guy offered me some gum.

"This is the real thing, my man," the men's room gum pusher said. "Gives you the freshest mouth in town."

What could I do? I was still a little sick from the candy cigarette, and Scooter had just left with the waitress that I used to go out with. I was depressed.

"Gimme two," I said.

"Watch it man, this stuff'll get you in trouble if you're not careful."

"Yeah, right. Just give me the gum, Baretta."

I strutted out by the video games, walking the way only the guy with the freshest mouth in town could.

I was really moving -- I hadn't felt like this since I left the "ultimate bubble" scene. You know, all that floating around in space with a gum bubble leading the way can get to you.

Things were going fine until the second piece of gum kicked in. I couldn't believe it! I was using words I'd never even heard!

Alas, my strength was my weakness. My memory's not too good right about here, but apparently I said something that the Born-Again bouncer didn't like. All I remember is hearing someone say, "He who lives by the mouth will be punched in the mouth." Oops.

So there you have it. One man's tragic story of fad abuse. We Americans are so totally engrossed in fads and so marvelously unashamed of ourselves! You've seen what can happen, and now you must make the choice.

Maybe you'll play it smart and just be a preppy. They don't get into much trouble -- it's a wimpy fad for people who like to play it safe. I'd recommend it.

I know you're wondering what happened to Scooter, and I know what you're thinking -- well, you're wrong. That's not what happened, and you should go to confession for thinking about it.

See, Scooter left with the waitress, but she wanted a ride home, so he said all right, but then he ate the piece of gum he found in the men's room, and she told him to stop, so he pulled over, but she said no, not that, but it was too late, he smashed into her boyfriend's car, and, well, that's all he remembers ... don't take gum from strangers in men's rooms.

assumed I have, why would I want to go back and pack the door frame?

Step 2 instructs that if the door is cool I should kneel and open it slowly. Maybe a little prayer would be in order while I'm down there opening the door. The prayer should ask that I can somehow open the door while I am kneeling in its path.

Step 5 suggests that I should not panic. After reading these ten steps, the panic I feel now far exceeds the fright I might feel during a fire.

Step 6 instructs that once I have exited, I should stand back and wait for the door to re-enter. If the fire was so bad that I should have packed wet towels around the door frame, there is no way I would re-enter the building. Once out, I would stay out.

Step 10 is a classic. It instructs to stay close to the door (hot, cool, or packed with wet towels), and keep the windows open to allow fresh air in. It goes on to suggest that I hang my head out the window. It's a good trick, but I can't do it.

Going back to Step 8, it is suggested that when I pack the door with wet towels, I keep one for my face. That one should be dry because I am going to cry in it.

did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was everybody's job. Everybody thought anybody could do it but nobody realized that everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that everybody blamed somebody when actually nobody asked anybody.

Cheap Talk, Patter and Jive

by Maggie Coll

In case you haven't noticed, there is a strange new trend taking over the country. This new trend is for the government, or any other interest group, to invent (for God only knows what reason) holiday weeks, and to name these weeks after a person or group of persons.

Examples of this odd behavior are the recent Presidents Week (really only a cheap trick to allow stores to have a week-long sale), Black History Month (the big problem with this is the fact that people who have prejudices aren't impressed by the Black's historical contributions but instead by light beer commercials and midget mud-wrestling), and Women's Week (which to me at least suggests that it's all right to ignore women for the rest of the year).

If these weeks continue to fill up the calendar, people like myself are going to be in a lot of trouble because personally I have a hard time remembering what day it is.

However, since designating different weeks to different causes is a well-established fad, I've decided to get into the action. I believe I speak for all the people who object to this empty gesture on the part of the government, when I say that there are several subjects that have not as yet received designated weeks they certainly deserve.

Some of the weeks I propose are as follows:

Nuke 'em Til They Glow,

Then Shoot Them in the Dark Week

During this week a giant national raffle will be held. Everyone in the United States will write an essay (in 200 words or less) describing what they would like to do to a dominant Communist nuclear power. An impartial panel consisting of two members from each of the following organizations will judge the best essays: the Ku Klux Klan, the American Nazi Party, the U.S. Defense Department, the American Rifle Association, the American Socialist Party, and the Haverhill chapter of the Kiwanis club.

This panel will pick the 500 most original, patriotic ideas from among all the entries. Contestants can enter more than once but the government would appreciate it if there are no duplicate entries of the same plan. Then on April 6 President Reagan (pronounced "Ray Gun") will be blindfolded and pick the winning idea out of a spinning toxic waste barrel. The plan will go into effect April 7. Now with April just around the corner, you should all start your attack plans. You know what they say -- "Every man for himself and God against all," so may the best man win.

No More Mister Nice Guy Week

This week is designed with the average self-abusive slam dancer in mind. During this week any person caught saying any words or phrases that are part of the

NO MORE
MR. NICE GUY!



"Valley Girl lingo" will be immediately kicked in both shins (hopefully by someone wearing spikes). Likewise, any person caught saying "Have a Nice Day" or found to be the owner of a plastic waving hand, poodle with a bouncing head, or fuzzy green and yellow dice will be forcibly subjected to 72 straight hours of Barry Manilow music. Also, to help round out the week, anyone that sits at a desk that has a nameplate on it is to be sold as slave labor to third world countries.

Slander Thy Neighbor Week

This is a week in which gossip columns take control of the newspapers, television and radio and flood the world with cheap scandals. Anyone and everyone can slander, defame, libel and ridicule anyone they like without having to fear legal repercussions. I can't wait for this one.

When Will This Madness End Week

This week has been designed for no other reason than to drive crazy all those people that can't stand designated weeks. The name of the week will be changed every 25 minutes and the new names will be broadcast over radio and television. The government expects that as a direct result of this chaotic plan some 8 or 9 million "Week Doubters" (as they have been officially named) will fall into comas before the end of the week.

And finally:

Some Of My Best Friends Are:

In a coma/Gay/Poets/Convicted Killers/
Feminists/Blacks/Moonies/Militants/
Illiterates Week

During this week everyone comes to the defense of everyone else and their causes. Everybody tries to understand everyone else's problems. Nobody judges or criticizes anyone else's lifestyle, political/religious affiliation, sexual preference, ideology, physical ability, taste or intelligence. As a result, talk shows that thrive on controversy will not be aired for the duration of the week. You know, this idea doesn't sound half bad.

Just don't panic, please!

by John J. Catania

The ten step plan for evacuating NECC, (see Observer, 3/1/83), which was distributed in 1979 to faculty members and may still be in vogue in 1983 scared the hell out of me.

Step 8, for example, instructs that if I find the door hot in Step 1, I should pack



John J.
Catania

-Carl Russo photo.

the door frame with wet towels. Assuming I have the towels, I must get to a rest room or water fountain to wet them. To do that I must break Rule 1, which warns that if the door is hot, I must not open it.

Even if I break the rule and open the door, and get through the fire which is making the door hot, and manage to get to a water supply to wet the towels we

And so it goes....

This is the story about four people, everybody, somebody, anybody and nobody.

There was an important job to be done and everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but nobody

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Steve Kukene, general manager, and Susan Sirols, assistant general manager of WRAZ, pose at newly decorated campus radio station. -Carl Russo photo.

Battered women look toward WRC

by Jane Hollis

Members of the Women's Resource Center of Lawrence were the speakers at the regular Wednesday noon meeting, March 9, of the Behavioral Science Club. Kathy Desilets and Anita Coll explained the services of the Women's Resource Center and then opened the meeting to discussion.

The Women's Resource Center provides shelter, legal advice and support to battered women and their children; works to increase the effectiveness of the criminal justice system by supporting women through the courts and strives to increase community awareness of this problem of battering (every 18 seconds in the U.S. one woman is beaten in her home).

Desilets' first question was "What do you think of when you think of battered women?" Responses were: fear, anger, helplessness and why-why do women stay in a situation where they are battered? Women first ask themselves "What did I do wrong?"

Most women are brought up to take full responsibility for the rightness or wrongness of the family situation. If it's bad, then she blames herself and asks, "Do I deserve this?" People around her support this feeling of guilt by asking, "What did you do to make him beat you?" Clergymen make suggestions as to how

she should help him (the batterer) change. They usually act as if her "bad" responses to him cause the violence and feel that if she reacted differently, he wouldn't beat her.

Often a woman feels trapped in this violent situation because of her children. Where can they live? He owns the house; he has the money; he can break down the door.

The Women's Resource Center of Lawrence has found that women are able to get out battering relationships if they can build a support system that tells them they do not deserve beatings and that they can take care of themselves. Members of these support systems are mostly women who have suffered the same treatment and who have built new lives for themselves.

WRC offers women counseling in planning action, advocacy (teaching women their rights under the law), support groups referral information, short-term emergency shelter, English/Spanish translation, community awareness education and a 24-hour hotline.

Funding for WRC comes through the Massachusetts Department of Social Services and the Merrimack Valley United Fund. Its most important funding, however, comes through contributions from individuals and groups and through grassroots fundraising endeavors.

Africa. Both Kara and Martin were members of last year's delegation.

Amanda Osborne will serve on the Plenary Committee of the Economic and Social Council. Amanda has been to the N.M.U.N. twice before, having been NECC's Head Delegate two years ago.

Paula Collins will serve on the Commission on the Status of Women, Jennifer Morris on the U.N. Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, Jeff Scalse on the General Assembly Plenary, Nora Morrison on the Disarmament and Related Matters Committee, and Dave McGrath on the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

Prof. McCosh will be going along as faculty-advisor for the ninth straight year.

NECC students represent Kenya

by Jim McCosh

Eight students from Northern Essex will represent Kenya during the week of March 28 at this year's National Model United Nations. Kenya is one of forty new nations carved out of colonial Africa since World War II. A century ago, Kenya was a part of British East Africa.

The N.M.U.N. will hold most of its sessions at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City, but the closing sessions will be at the United Nations itself. The Northern Essex Delegation will also have a mission briefing at the Kenya Mission to the U.N.

Kara Purdie will be the Head Delegate from Northern Essex this year; she will also represent Kenya on the Special Political Committee. Martin Lightcap will serve on the Economic Commission for

Wanted Poems, Prose, Essays...

by Chris Daly

Spring is coming and so is Parnassus, the school's literary magazine. Wednesday, March 9, people interested in publishing Parnassus met in the lounge outside C360. An excellent turnout showed promise for this semester's edition, expected to come out sometime in the first week of May.

At the meeting, editors exchanged ideas on how to make this semester's magazine better than ever.

Parnassus prints poems, short stories, essays, prose, art work and photography. In fact, \$25 will be awarded to the best art work contributed, as well as lending the artist the prestige of having his work appear as the magazine's cover. All art work is greatly appreciated and runners-up will be printed throughout the magazine. All work, written, drawn or

photographed, may be submitted to C349, to members of the staff, to Parnassus Advisors Eleanor Hope-McCarthy and Bernie Horn, or be put in the box outside C360.

The deadline for all work is April 8. Typed work will be appreciated. The theme in this issue will be Spring, although all subject matter is welcome.

All those interested in joining the Parnassus effort are encouraged to come to next Wednesday's meeting, March 16 at noon. If you are not interested in submitting material, you might be interested in lay-out.

Some feel a new name would enhance the magazine and suggestions are being sought. A prize of \$5 will be awarded to the originator of the new name.

18 new members welcomed

by Jayne Hollis

Psi Beta, the National Honor Society of Psychology Students of Junior and Community Colleges, welcomed 18 new members into its ranks Thursday, March 10.

The ceremony of induction was performed at the Learning Resource Center with each candidate receiving a certificate of membership. Dean of Academic Affairs Robert McDonald gave the welcoming speech. Behavioral Science Department Chairman Bonnie Flythe and Prof. Peter Flynn conducted the program.

Officers for Psi Beta are Nancy Parkam, president; Jo Dee Parker, vice-president; Charyl Sevigny, secretary; and Corinne (Cora) Sardella, treasurer. Parkam accepted the honors on behalf of the new members and then introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Jean Jackson, professor of anthropology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Jackson's topic was *Women in the Third World: Social Mobility*. She discussed the world economic system and how it affects women in the Third World, explaining that modern industry and businesses move into poor regions and put the employed to work. On the outside, this looks good but on the inside, these companies hire only young, single women who have no children of their own to support. They accept low wages and are too inexperienced to unionize. Men and women who support families might demand more money and who might support a union are never hired.

Jackson spoke at length about the social status of women in the Third World, and pointed out that the status and economic development for these women and their countries may need a different kind of model from the one the West is insisting they use.



Former Observer Editor Marie Hodgdon, now a student at Merrimack College, poses in front of the school's chapel. -Carl Russo photo.

Hodgdon excels at Merrimack

by Linda Burns

Marie wears a little heart-shaped pin bearing her name under a brilliant rainbow of color. That seems to symbolize love, hope and dreams all at once. And those things best describe Marie Hodgdon of Lawrence, a NECC graduate of high honors. You sense an immediate warmth from her dark round eyes suggesting you could easily speak with her.

Marie is a full-time English major at Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass. That's not as unusual as the fact that she is also the single parent of five children ranging in age from five to 13 years.

Being aware of your motivating force, Marie believes, is a must. "The irony in my life," she admits, "was in doing everything for my children and yet pushing them away at the same time."

Aiming toward a good paying job with set hours, good medical benefits and security, Marie has her children's well being in mind. Intermittent work as an L.P.N. in the past was too emotionally draining for her. She couldn't bear existing in what she describes as the "mechanical administration of drugs."

Finding she needed to travel a new avenue for her own self preservation, Marie re-established her priorities and entered college. Speaking of priorities, she says, "I'd die without my kids." She insists, "When the books are put away, I still have them with me."

At Northern Essex, Marie spent three semesters as co-editor of the school newspaper, the Observer. She graduated with high honors in 1982 with many scholarships at her disposal, but chose Merrimack College for its proximity to home.

Merrimack College is not very different from NECC, explains Marie. She senses some attitude differences. Many students

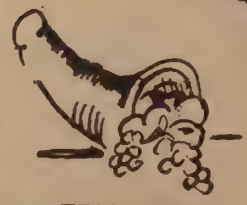
show a more serious interest in a four-year program. NECC, on the other hand, shows greater diversity of courses as well as having students with wider age and income differences. NECC accommodates more handicapped individuals, she says.

Just recently, the pressure of school was catching up with Marie and she admits that she was short-fused for a while. One evening, her seven year old daughter, Catherine, busied herself by trying to please mother with little "loving sacrifices" for the Lenten season. The child put the T.V. on mommy's favorite channel 2, brought her things to drink, and checked on her general comfort.

Not realizing the importance of Catherine's good intentions, Marie busied herself with other things. Stopping to comfort her child's sudden flood of tears, Marie again realized how easy it is to forget the simple things that really matter in life.

In general, however, Marie is fine and truly enjoying her classes in humanities and literature. She sometimes wears a sergeant's army shirt. When people comment, she quickly replies, "I've earned every stripe. There should be more of them!"

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Countess House full of history

by Edward MacNeil

Nestled only a stone's throw from the Merrimack River, in the Rocks Village section of Haverhill, is a house that is over two hundred and twenty years old.

Rocks Village, now a National Historical District, was an early settlement with cottage industries, later bypassed by the industrialized city of Haverhill.

Conventionally, the house is known as "The Countess' House," (ca. 1750-1760). The house is privately owned, and several NECC students currently board there. The house is simply and solidly constructed with hardwood floors, louvered Indian shutters, and twelve-over-twelve pane antique glass windows. Some ceilings in the older rear part of the house force a man 6'2" to stoop.

The Countess Mary Ingalls was born in the house in January, 1786. At the age of twenty she married the exiled French Revolutionary Count Francis de Vipart. The Countess fell ill only one year after the wedding and died of what is thought to be consumption, a progressive deterioration of the body. The Count is assumed to have later settled in Guadeloupe and remarried.

After the Ingalls family moved away, Dr. Elias Weld bought the property. He built an addition of four large rooms onto the front of the house (ca. 1809) and set up a medical practice out of the front room.

Dr. Elias Weld is the "E.W." to whom John Greenleaf Whittier dedicated his poem, "The Countess." Whittier's most famous poem, "Snowbound," details a boyhood experience at his birthplace, just one mile from the college.

Born in West Boxford in 1792, Rufus Porter traveled around New England, paying for his lodging by painting murals on the walls of homes he visited. The murals in the Rocks Village house portray vivid impressions of his own adventures.

Porter's pictures were painted atop a thin layer of dry plaster and are seen in good condition throughout most of The Countess' House. Porter utilized various soft shades of grey and green; only one of his murals, from a house in Westwood, bears a signature.

Of the ten rooms in the house, the master bedroom is the most praised by the present owner. The room is special because it is a rare example of a room in which all four walls are painted in a continuous landscape surrounding the room. The owner remarked, "Some of the pictures do not seem to be of any specific area," but thought that "some of the mountains and palms are from a visit to Hawaii. The river, however, is like the Merrimack River."

Rufus Porter easily became bored and frequently moved about and tried other accomplishments. Later, Porter was first editor of "The Scientific American." He also invented the revolving chamber used by "Colt" rifles, along with many other inventions.

Very little has changed in Rocks Village since the nineteenth century. Today it is a quiet residential area, with an active Historic District Commission appointed by Haverhill's mayor, and a close-knit neighborhood association.

This month's issue of *Yankee Magazine* features The Countess' House and Rocks Village.



Countess House in Rocks Village has a number of beautiful wall murals, including this one at the top of the main staircase.
-Carl Russo photo.



Celebrate St. Pat's Day

by Linda Burns

March 17, St. Patrick's Day, is an American celebration of Irish heritage. On this day we wear the green of the rolling hills, drown in the music of traditional story-telling, and enjoy escalating laughter, which comes from the tickling of our moustaches when our teacups runneth over. Ours is a jolly, hearty laugh, intriguing to some, inescapably devilish to the ears of others.

It won't stop. It can't stop. Laughter is contagious, an overwhelming spirit that spreads like the twinkle in the wink of an Irish eye.

St. Patrick's humble mission in fifth century Ireland marks the greatest of Irish epochs. He is responsible for conquering an almost totally pagan country with the introduction of the Christian faith. Thus, St. Patrick is honored for spiritually awakening these people, whom he loved.

In the year 389 A.D., Patrick, at age 16, was captured by Irish raiders from his home in Britain. For six years he suffered cold and want as he herded pigs in the remote Northwestern Ireland. He envisioned God's protection and escaped from slavery in a long, tormenting journey back to Britain.

Years later, in 432, Patrick saw a letter in a dream, inscribed with the voice of the Irish people crying, "We pray thee holy youth, to come and walk among us."

A simple man, Patrick started off on his missionary vocation to Ireland. Though his personality and determination were outstanding, he was not mentally equipped to satisfy his religious superiors. The saint's confession, a narrative written in his old age, presents evidence of divine favor shown unto him. Patrick single-handedly altered the nation's destiny.

Teaching the Word of Christ, Patrick first converted royalty among the court assembly. King Laoghaire maintained unshakable pagan beliefs, yet he was so impressed by Patrick that he offered him freedom to preach Christianity wherever he desired. Patrick built the first Irish church, monastery and school in Armagh.

Out of great admiration for literary men, poets and scholars, the fascinating story-teller Caolite, in particular, Patrick wrote, "Palm of eloquence on thee, my son, and let every third word uttered by men of thine art seem melodious to every hearer, and let one of them possessed of the skill always be a king's bedfellow and the torch of every assembly."

Evacuation Day dates back to 1776

by Nancy Alter

Contrary to what many students are probably thinking, Evacuation Day does not mean we receive a workable plan for the evacuation of the school in case of fire or other emergency. The issue is still up in the air and is unlikely to come down in the near future.

The real meaning of Evacuation Day has to do with the earliest battles of the Revolutionary War, battles fought near

Boston.

In 1776, British troops occupied Boston. By this time, the colonists' hatred toward the British had increased greatly, showing their bitterness through the infamous Boston Tea Party.

American troops commanded by George Washington lay siege to the city, forcing the British to sail away from Boston on March 17, 1776--the birth of Evacuation Day.

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'There's no place to hide'

by Martin McGuire

Acid rain is exactly what it sounds like. It is caused by sulfur and nitrogen oxides emitted from coal burning utility plants, mixing with moisture in the atmosphere to produce sulfuric acid in the rain.

The rain is blamed for extensive environmental damages in Northeastern United States and Canada.

Acid rain, or acid deposition, is not new. It's as old as the burning of fossil fuels. As early as the 1730's, England bemoaned its "Sulphurous Air." The term, "Acid Rain," was first used by Englishman Robert Angus Smith, who in the mid 1850's, linked the burning of soft dirty coal and peat in London households to acidic rain.

In the 1950's, a Swedish limnologist linked acidification of lakes in rural Sweden to the burning of fossil fuels elsewhere. Another study in the 1960's, confirmed the dangers of acid rain and served to alert Europe, Canada and the United States of its effects.

Tall smokestacks carry noxious gases into the upper atmosphere where prevailing winds may carry them thousands of miles away to combine with moisture in the air, producing about two-thirds of the acid content in what we call acid rain (or sleet or snow). The remaining one-third of the acid comes mainly from car exhausts.

Midwestern states are the main contributors of sulfur dioxide emissions. Ohio produces 15 percent.

Although Massachusetts is 19th among the states in contribution of sulfuric emissions, the state receives the most acidic rainfall in the country. Adding urgency to a mission for public awareness, with its need for accurate and up-to-date information, is the knowledge of the effects of the rain on water bodies

and the aquatic ecosystems they support.

Massachusetts boasts more than 2600 lakes, most of which are thought to be highly sensitive to acid rain. The state carries information on only 700 of them. Hathaway's Pond in Barnstable on the Cape has lost all of its fish due to a high level of acid in the water. We counter the acid content in lakes by buffering them with lime, a strong alkalin, giving dead lakes a second chance. These lakes will take 100 to 150 years to recuperate.

One reason water bodies in Massachusetts are so sensitive to acid rain is that the state's soil lacks conspicuous buffering agents. The only well-buffered area in the state is a small section in and around the southwest Berkshire County town of Lee. At the other end of the scale, Cape Cod, with its sandy soil and fragile ecosystem, is very poorly protected.

Communities are noting acidification of their groundwater supplies. Some individual homeowners are now having to use calcium carbonate softening systems to treat their well water. Not only is water being damaged, but metal, stonework and paint surfaces are being corroded. Acidic water is highly corrosive to lead piping systems, which are still being used in some parts of Boston.

What is the prognosis? Not hopeful, according to Paul J. Godfrey, Director of the Water Resources Research Center, unless we're prepared to do something about it. "As an emergency effort," he said, we can lime dying lakes - the most conspicuous casualties. Even so, such efforts must be repeated many times over, since, under prevailing conditions, these lakes will revert to marked acidity within a year or two at best. Godfrey is hopeful that individuals and organizations voice their concerns to their elected

representatives at state and federal levels.

Tackling the problem of acid rain precursors at their most prevalent source is another step. Godfrey sees the use of scrubber type devices on smokestacks as one part of a possible solution. Other remedies include washing coal at the mine, a process which removes between 20 to 30 percent of its sulfur content, and making heavier use of power and industrial plants in the Midwest, conforming to the provisions of the 1970 Clean Air Act. Power plants are often passed over nowadays in favor of their older counterparts, which are dirtier and

cheaper to operate.

"Federal officials are dragging their feet," Godfrey says. They claim the costs would be too great and the benefits too small and uncertain to warrant investing in clean-up efforts. "Japan has effectively scuttled this argument. Using American technology, the Japanese have already reduced sulfur dioxide emissions by 90 percent, with only a six percent increase in utility bills to consumers," Godfrey reports.

If the United States is unwilling or unable to do the same, there may be trouble ahead. As Godfrey says, "There's no place to hide."

New and recommended reading

The Kennedy Imprisonment, by Garry Wills. (Pocket, \$3.95.) America's most fascinating family revealed as never before.

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For further information, please contact: The Counseling Office, Room 118 in the College Center or call 374-0721, ext. 178 or 179.

April 1 deadline , packet helps

The deadline for admission to several Massachusetts colleges is April 1. Students are advised to apply immediately if they intend to transfer for the fall semester.

Director of Counseling Betty Coyne encourages all students interested in transferring to take advantage of the Transfer Packet available through the Counseling Office. This packet is designed to help guide the student through the transfer process.

Applications are available for several Boston area colleges and state colleges for both Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Students are encouraged to make good use of the packets but the Counseling Office reminds them that the responsibility of getting the completed packet back to the office lies with the individual and the information and recommendations cannot be sent out for them unless he signs the written consent form in each packet.

Current best sellers

1. *Items from our Catalogue*, by Alfred Gingold. (Avon, \$4.95.) Spoof of the L.L. Bean catalogue.
2. *A Few Minutes with Andy Rooney*, by Andy Rooney. (Warner, \$2.95) Humorous essays by the TV personality.
3. *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, by Harold Kushner. (Avon, \$3.50.) Comforting thoughts from a rabbi.
4. *The Restaurant at the End of the Universe*, by Douglas Adams. (Pocket, \$2.95.) Successor to "Hitchhikers Guide."
5. *Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy*, by Douglas Adams. (Pocket, \$2.95.) companion to the PBS-TV series.
6. *A Mother and Two Daughters*, By Gail Godwin. (Avon, \$3.95.) A death in the family creates a crisis.
7. *Sophie's Choice*, by William Styron. (Bantam, \$3.95.) The nature of evil seen through the lives of two doomed lovers.
8. *The Dean's December*, by Saul Bellow. (Pocket, \$3.95.) The latest novel by the winner of the Nobel prize.

Counseling

Coordinators are Talkline guests

by Paulo Fuoco

On March 11, Director of Cooperative Education and Placement Dr. Abbott Rice and Employment Counselor Bill Linnehan were guests on Paul Bellfay Talkline on WHAV. They discussed techniques in securing a job and dealing with employment rejection.

Linnehan and Rice said not to wait until an employer advertises a job opening to apply. For example, if you see an advertisement for a machine operator and you have secretarial skills, you might go apply as a secretary. The chances of your being hired increase substantially with the more contacts you establish.

Employers use a resume as a screening device. A resume can either help you tremendously or automatically eradicate your chance for employment. It is not necessary to write your age or date of birth, for many employers tend not to hire older persons. Females should not state that they are divorced. Employers assume that there will be child care problems. Linnehan said, "Once marital status, weight, height, date of birth and health were included on all resumes. Today it is no longer necessary. In fact, they could hurt your chances of getting the job you want."

Jobs and credits from Co-op Ed

Working? Need college credit? Cooperative education may be for you!

If you are now in a job which can be upgraded, it may qualify as a Cooperative Education position and thereby allow you to apply it as part of your elective course work.

During the course of the semester you will be working toward an evaluation and a final grade based upon a learning contract drawn up by you and your work supervisor. You will be required to achieve a set of objectives which will be closely monitored by your supervisor as well as a faculty coordinator who will be assigned to you at the start of your Cooperative Education experience. Students can earn up to six (6) elective

credits in Cooperative Education.

Cooperative Education can benefit you substantially. Among other things, it allows you to test classroom theory in practice, and a chance to be identified at work as an achiever. Of course, it also provides an opportunity to earn college credits while earning money.

If all this sounds good, stop by the Cooperative Education office in Room 112 of the College Center, and talk with Debby Scire, Coordinator of Cooperative Education. She is located in the lobby of the C-Building from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. You may arrange an appointment by calling 374-0721, ext. 180 or 187.

Foundation offers scholarships

Dean of Students Norman Landry has announced the availability of the Francis J. Bevilacqua Foundation Scholarship.

This award is made possible each year by the Francis J. Bevilacqua Foundation established in 1981. Four scholarships for half-tuition will be awarded.

The purpose of this award is to recognize Francis Bevilacqua's commitment to public services by helping others who seek to make public service their careers. Through the scholarship program, the foundation provides educa-

tional opportunities and supports the education of future public servants.

Applicants must have been residents of Haverhill for three years and have a grade point average of at least 3.00. Applications can be obtained at the Office of Financial Aid, Room B-217.

All Day and Evening students who might qualify are encouraged to apply. The deadline to return the completed application to the Office of Financial Aid is Friday, April 15.

NECC Evening Nursing Director appointed to Massachusetts Commission

Amelia Anderson, Director of the Northern Essex Community College Evening Nursing Program has been appointed to the Massachusetts Nurses Association Commission on Continuing Education.

In a letter to college President John R. Dimitry, announcing her appointment, Richard F. Tierney, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, stated, "I am sure you share with me a sense of pride that Mrs. Anderson is actively committed to fostering high

standards in nursing and working for the improvement of health care for all people through activities in the professional association."

Mrs. Anderson is a certified Adult Nurse Practitioner with a master's degree from the University of Lowell. She is a doctoral candidate at Boston University School of Education.

A resident of Andover, Professor Anderson is married to Charles Anderson and is the mother of two children, Betsy and Barney.

Applications available for LPN Program

Northern Essex Community College is now accepting applications for admission into the Institution's Licensed Practical Nursing Program. About 60 students will be accepted for the class beginning in September, 1983. This one year certificate program is taught at the Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover and at various clinical locations in the area.

Applicants must reside in Lawrence, Methuen, Andover or North Andover, and must take the Entrance Examination for Schools of Vocational Practical Nursing. The next test is scheduled for March 29 at Northern Essex.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the Admissions Office at Northern Essex Community College, Ext. 240.

Women's Resource Center provides program for volunteers

Volunteers are needed to provide support and understanding to women experiencing abuse in the home. The Women's Resource Center is offering an eight-week training program this spring for women interested in this work. The training began with an orientation session at the Lawrence YWCA, 38 Lawrence St. on March 14.

Volunteers can either work at the Lawrence or Haverhill office of the Women's Resource Center or staff the 24-hour hotline from their homes. The training will cover crisis intervention and

listening skills, self-awareness exercises and information on legal options and appropriate referrals for women experiencing violence in the home. In addition, volunteers will learn procedures for providing emergency shelter and other assistance to women in crisis. No specific prior experience or education is required of volunteers and women who have had life experience with domestic abuse are encouraged to participate.

For more information, call Kathy Desilets at 685-2480 or Kathy Lamb at 373-4041.



Employment Counselor Bill Linnehan explains available jobs to students.

-Carl Russo photo.

Job Fair provides opportunities

The Spring 1983 Job Fair sponsored by the NECC Placement Office will be held in the College Center, Carpeted Lounge, Wednesday, March 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Past job fairs have drawn between 25 and 35 corporations and organizations ranging from high tech firms and hospitals to fast food operations and the military. The upcoming fair features representatives from Burger King, Metropolitan Life, BayBanks, New England Telephone and at least four area hospitals.

The job fair provides an excellent opportunity for students to begin developing those all-important contacts as well as a chance to sample the area job market all in one location. Some on-the-spot hiring is also done during these fairs.

Those looking for work would be well advised to bring resumes along with them to the fair.

The Placement Office urges every student to attend the Spring Job Fair. It does not matter whether you are a first semester student or just about to graduate, the job fair is an opportunity you should not pass up.

Companies participating in the March 16 job fair include:

New England Telephone, U.S. Army, U.S. Marines, N.E. Deaconess Hospital, Kelly Health Care, Morton Hospital, Middlesex County Hospital, U.S. Navy, W.T. Rawleigh, Burger King, Metropolitan Insurance, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Friendly Ice Cream Corporation, BayBank Merrimack Valley, I.R.S., Office Specialists, Hale Hospital, Key Program, First Security, Office Needs, Jim How Chevrolet, T.C. Edwards, Boston Mutual Companies, Professional Modeling Association, Gould, Inc. Modicon Division, Adams Drug Co., TAC Temp.

Career Change Workshops still to come

Northern Essex Career Counselor M.J. Pernaa has several workshops still available to students with career questions.

Monday, March 28, noon to 1 p.m. in the Essex Room of the LRC, Pernaa will conduct the first of the remaining scheduled meetings, called *Career Planning: What You Need to Know*.

Secrets of Resume Writing will be held in the Carpeted Lounge of the College Center from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 7.

Identifying Your Marketable Skills is next and will be in the Essex Room of the LRC from noon to 1 p.m. on Monday, April 11.

Interviewing Techniques is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Carpeted Lounge of the College Center.

Job Search Strategies is the next one scheduled and this too will be held in the Carpeted Lounge of the College Center, from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 21.

Boston University co-sponsors Conference

Boston University and The British Institute of the United States will present a conference entitled, "The British Heritage in the United States Today" on April 9 and 10, 1983.

British Historian Sir John Plumb from Christ's College at Cambridge University, England, will deliver the keynote address. The conference will feature lectures that compare American and English language, media, laws and family structures.

The two-day conference will mark the British Institute's inauguration. In the future, the Institute will sponsor other

conferences, symposia and roundtable discussions to bring specialists in British history and culture closer together. The scope of the Institute's concerns range from poetry to finance, and from industry to demographics.

The program will be held at the University's Law School Auditorium, located at 765 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass. For registration and further information, contact: Rebecca Alssid at (617) 353-4128, 118 Bay State Road or the Office of Public Relations at 353-2399, 19 Deerfield Street, Boston, Mass. 02215.

Employers to hold panel discussion

"People Who Hire," an evening panel discussion, is planned for tonight, March 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Library Conference area. Panelists will describe what they look for in prospective employees and share their perceptions on

the current job market. The panel is free, open to the public.

For information, contact Mary Jane Gillespie or Dianne Gaudet in the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services, Ext. 245, 246, or 247.

Back to School Workshop for Women

A Back to School Workshop will be held on Wed., Mar. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Conference Area of the Learning Resource Center. This is a get-together for women who have recently returned to school after interrupting their studies for family and/or employment.

The Workshop will attempt to answer questions about getting an education on a limited budget, building your confidence,

identifying resources available at NECC and how to juggle your time for school, family and work.

This event is free and open to the public. It will be presented by the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services of Northern Essex. For further information contact Carol Ann Dalto, Counselor for DCE at ext. 245.

Variety

Jazz Fest, PiL, Ramones, Wall of Voodoo highlight end of month

by Faith Benedetti

Silly me! All these terrific happenings on the music scene that I forgot to write about in the last issue!

To begin with, Brandeis University is continuing its spring concert series on the 18th with Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes. Not only is Brandeis a classy school with smart students, but they also have good taste! Also appearing on the 18th is the Enemy at Jumpin' Jack Flash. You'll probably best remember them by their hit from last summer, "America Rocks."

For all you jazz aficionados out there, (and most especially you, G.P.), here's a date to mark on your calendar...March 20. Why? Because it's the opening date of the 1983 Boston Globe Jazz Festival. And who is opening the fest? None other than the master himself, B.B. King. (The thrill is definitely not gone.) B.B. and his orchestra will be at the Berklee Center for the Performing Arts on the 20th along with Bobby "Blue" Bland and his orchestra. On the 21st at Berklee will be the Jazz Messengers with Art Blakey. Spyro Gyra will be at Symphony Hall on the 23rd, and this show should prove to be the most special of all because of the ambience of Symphony Hall. The place is simply European in its elegance.

The Orpheum Theatre will play host to the sounds of Ultravox on the 25th. The 27th is a busy day in the Boston area with

three major shows planned. The first is the final leg of the Globe Jazz Fest, and the featured artists will be Al Dimeola, Chick Corea, Stanley Clarke and Lenny White at the Boston Opera House.

The second major show features Public Image Limited (more commonly known as PiL) at Nine Lansdowne, with their special guests, The Dark. After Sid Vicious died and the Sex Pistols split up, Johnny Rotten changed his name back to John Lydon and formed PiL, a wise career decision if I do say so. The third show is an all-ages one at the Channel with the Angry Samoans and SS Decontrol. (Springa, frontman for the SS was named one of Boston Rock magazine's personalities of the year. Anyone who listed Dicken's *Great Expectations* as one of his favorite books can't be all bad.)

Don your sombreros, get some tequila and get ready to eat some barbecued iguana...Mexican Radio is coming to Boston, with the only area appearance of Wall of Voodoo on the 28th at the Paradise. Have you seen their video on MTV yet, with the face coming out of the pot of refried beans? "Grody to the max" as they say.

Gabba Gabba Hey! You know what that means...Johnny, Joey and DeeDee (known as the Ramones) will be at the Metro on the 30th. And for you "Jamaican guys" interested in the timeless beauty of Grace Jones, she will be at Nine

Lansdowne on the 30th...reggae rude girl to say the least.

Kicking off the month of April is Randy Newman at Berklee on the 2nd. The man certainly has come a long way since his "Short People" days. On the 9th, there will be a great double bill at Uncle Sam's with Golden Earring (When the Bullet Hits the Bone) and Scandal ("Goodbye to You"). And finally, Adam Ant is slated to appear at Brandeis on the 12th. Adam is currently laylaid with a knee injury and has had to postpone a few of his tour dates, but here's hoping that he's well enough to come to Brandeis...you can bet that I'll BE there! NEW THINGS TO DO DEPT.: Every Tuesday night at the Channel is the "Nu Musik Revue" showcasing the up and coming new bands. Fans of WBCN's program director Oedipus will be glad to know that Oedi is now spinning the records every Friday and Saturday night at Spit.

People have been telling me that they're interested in seeing some of these bands but they don't know where the clubs are located, or where to get the tickets. Tickets are simple...Ticketron carries a large percentage of them. Tickets for club performances can be bought at any Strawberries record store location, the Orpheum Box Office, or the individual club's own box office. Now the address run-down for clubs located in Boston:

The Metro	15 Lansdowne St.
Spit	13 Lansdowne St.
Nine Lansdowne	9 Lansdowne St.
The Channel	25 Necco St.
The Paradise	967 Commonwealth Ave.
Rathskellar (The Rat)	528 Comm. Ave.
Jumpin Jack Flash	88 Queensbury St.
Bradford Ballroom	275 Tremont St.
In Cambridge:	
Jonathan Swift's	30 Boylston St.
Inn Square Men's Bar	1350 Cambridge St.
In Nantasket Beach:	
Uncle Sam's	296 Nantasket Ave.

There! That should get you on your way. Have fun, remember vacation is next week!

The Boston music scene is ever-changing. New bands rise to popularity over night and quite often lose it the same way. And while my job is to let you know what the currently popular ones are up to, I'm always looking for "fresh bait," as they say. So if you're in a band, and you would like your gigs listed in this column, please leave a message for me at the Observer Office, located next to the Game Room, or call Ext. 147. I'll be glad to put you in!

I was among the thousands (or so it seemed) to bid farewell to Mission of Burma at the Bradford Ballroom last Saturday night. Look for their "obituary" next issue. God I'm so black and blue...

'Healing' the National Anthem

by Glenn Pierce

This year's NBA All Star Game lived up to all expectations for fans eager to see pro ball's finest players. As is tradition there was a celebrity on hand to perform our national anthem. 1983's spotlight performer was one of the founders of the Motown sound, Marvin Gaye.

Marvin's riding high on the success of his first smash hit in years, "Sexual Healing."

Ever since Hendrix declared open season on the banner in '67 there has been a multitude of "artistic interpretations," but none were for more commercial reasons than Gaye's hack job in L.A.'s Forum.

Now I'm far from being the red, white and bluest guy on my block, but hearing one of the fathers of pop use our anthem as a vehicle for pushing his top 10 hit is a tad disturbing to me. Granted, there's been debate for years that the Star Spangled Banner requires a trained voice to sing, and its origins are from an old English drinking song, but right now it's all we have. Hearing Gaye perform the song over almost the same percussive rhythm track as "Sexual Healing" is "Physically Nauseating."

Perhaps we need an anthem with more room for innovative ideas if we're going to continue letting popular performers do with it what they will.

Godspell at the Charles

by Jeffrey Driscoll

Currently playing at the Charles Theatre in Boston is a revival of the hit musical "Godspell." For those of you not familiar with the play, Godspell is a derivative of the word gospel, in this case the Gospel of St. Matthew, on which the play is based. It tries to convey the teachings of Jesus, as told in the Gospel of St. Matthew, in a contemporary vein. It also happens to be a play from which a top hit originated. The song, of course, was "Day by Day."

I am happy to say that with a few exceptions the play is as jubilant and touching as the original. The main concept

is the same; they simply updated it. Bostonians are given a treat because some local personalities, most notably Dave Maynard, worked their ways into the revised edition.

The cast is almost completely made up of young unknowns. However, what they lack in experience, they make up in energy and talent. One girl in particular, B.J. Jefferson, is most impressive. Her versatility and raw energy cause her to be a dominant force in just about every scene in which she appears.

The only real criticism I can make is of David Hampson in the role of Christ.

Frances, Without A Trace score 10's

by David Andrus

Frances, is the story of Frances Farmer -- the thirties star whose life was shattered by alcoholism and an enforced stay in a mental hospital. The film stars Jessica Lange in the title role, with Kim Stanley as her scheming mother and Sam Shepard as her lover. Frances is the kind of horror story that Hollywood seems all too eager to tell, and the public is all the more eager to hear. Rated R, it has been nominated for two Academy Awards.

Without a Trace is based on a novel whose story closely resembles a real-life case. In this instance, it is Beth Gutcheon's novel, *Still Missing*, and the true story of Etan Patz, a little boy who disappeared from a street corner in Soho several years

ago. The film stars Kate Nelligan as the child's determined mother and Judd Hirsch as the police detective assigned to the case. Rated PG.

Lovesick, stars Dudley Moore, playing a psychiatrist who falls in love with his patient, Elizabeth McGovern. Moore consults Alec Guinness's Sigmund Freud for advice. Though it has its funny moments, overall it's a bit much.

The Sting II stars Jackie Gleason, Mac Davis and Karl Malden. Two big-city con men try to pull off a major sting on a crook named Gus, played by Malden. Meanwhile tough-guy Lyle Donnegan (the late Robert Shaw in the original *Sting*, and now played by Oliver Reed) lurks in the background waiting to pounce on the heroes. There are fine performances by the entire cast. Rated PG.

I rate these movies as follows:

Frances	10
Without a Trace	10
The Sting II	9
Lovesick	7
The Escape Artist	4

The Escape Artist

Local Actor to appear

Local actor Richard Seguin appears with The Comedy Theatre Company in a leading role in Alan Ayckbourn's rollicking comedy of mistaken love affairs, to be performed at Giordano's Starlight Dinner Theatre, Route 97, Georgetown. *How the Other Half Loves* opens St. Patrick's night, March 17.

Dinner is at 6:30; performance at 8:30 on March 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, and April 2 (the only performance Easter weekend), and April 7, 8, and 9. A matinee will be held April 10 at 2 p.m. Call 352-7300 for reservations.

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Features

Shaffer gets director's position

by Mary Hay

Wendy Shaffer has recently been appointed to the position of Director of Development at Northern Essex. She formerly was employed at the college part time as Assistant Director of Development.

In conjunction with performing the duties of her new job, Shaffer is also currently responsible for coordinating Title III and is filling in as Facilities Coordinator until that position is filled.

She has recently worked on a project with Mary Prunty, Olga Williams and Corinne Grise on completing three Vocational Education Grant proposals. The proposals are for certifications in Robotics Technology, Information Management and Medical Terminology and Transcribing. Voc-Ed grants are designed to train people in high demand skill areas in order to prepare them for immediate employment.

The letters of intent which were previously submitted have been approved and NECC is now waiting for the three full proposals to be approved. She says that she anticipates full funding will be granted.

These grants will provide the college with the necessary funds to cover instructional and laboratory assistance costs as well as vital supplies and equipment. Students are accepted

through referrals from CETA, Admissions and other sources.

"Northern Essex has just been selected to participate in the Building Better Boards for Committee Organizations project," she says. Through this program, the college will receive services and training on how to build more effective advisory committees, and have more productive work relationships with boards, such as the Chamber of Commerce."

Shaffer says, "With the current level of federal and state monies, we have to look for alternative private sources of funds as well, like corporations and foundations. I want to spend time developing and fostering contacts with foundations and corporations to secure external sources of funding."

As she makes the adjustment to the position's demands, she comments, "Every job has its pressures and work loads. The added pressure of this job is the necessary meeting of deadlines."

She cites that time management is essential to the job because if things are not in on time, there will be no rewards. "Writing on demand means you can't afford to have days when you have writer's block. You can't put things aside when you have a deadline."



Director of Development Wendy Shaffer.
-File photo.

In order to provide better service and to more effectively perform her duties, Shaffer says, "I would like to be able to meet more with faculty and staff to explore their views of what things they see need funding and match that up with

the funding sources that can meet that need."

She says that she likes to do things from start to finish and the things she does must be coordinated. "Writing grants is not an assembly line type of job," she says. "I want to continue the efforts that Mary Wilson has put in to make this position as successful as it has been."

An alumnus of the University of Massachusetts, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in counseling and community development, Shaffer is currently completing a doctoral program in educational administration.

A sensitive woman with a warm effervescent personality, she puts people at ease with her genial manner.

Swimming, boating and walking along the beach are among her favorite recreations, and she also enjoys cooking and baking. She likes working with words, and during her leisure time, she likes to read. Her latest interest is in collecting material for a genealogy chart of her family.

"Northern Essex has strong leadership," she says. "The people who work here are able to do more with less. They take on things that are new and innovative. I think Northern Essex is the finest of the community colleges in our system."

NECCO Wafers

by Prof. John Spurk

(Little capsules from out of the past)

(Editor's Note: Our genial Dean of Students, Norm Landry, recently suggested a column be created, just for the fun of it, while the college is thinking about its history and starting to get ready to celebrate the first twenty-five years of NECC. If you have a story, anecdote, outrageous photo or other kind of memory to share about the NECC family, we'd love to include it as a future NECCO-WAFER. Just get it to me by phone (ext. 256) or campus mail. From the laughable to the poignant, all entries most welcome. Thanks.)

"NECCO-WAFERS"

(Little capsules from out of the past)

WAFER ONE

(Observer, Vol. 1, No. 1, Dec. 14, 1961)

From its very first issue, the Observer has been into solving problems for students:

Dear Zelda,

Could you please tell this group of lost boys where the back gate to Bradford Junior College is?

-Lost

Dear Lost,

Why don't you try looking a little harder? Your results might be a little more successful.

-Zelda

WAFER TWO

The evening TV news: Early on, when a faculty or staff member called in sick, the person taking the call had to write down the reason for the absence. One form from 1965 simply says, "Reason for absence: Sick -- watched too many pictures on Viet Nam."

WAFER THREE

(Observer, Vol. 1, No. 1, Dec. 14, 1961)

Paternalism in big and small doses: Early on, the administration felt a duty to "help" students succeed. The headline story on the first Observer was:

WARNINGS ISSUED;
SCHEDULES CHANGED



by Jean Powers

There's a new name but a familiar face in the Cooperative Education and Placement Office. Jackie Sweeney, formerly Jackie Walker, secretary of that office, is back.

"It was like coming home. I missed everybody," she says of her return to Northern Essex Community College three weeks ago.

Sweeney volunteered at NECC "for years" and worked here about 18 months before leaving a year and a half ago for the higher paying job she needed to support her family. Then, massive layoffs there and the transfer of Rose Paolino to another office gave her the opportunity she "anxiously awaited to get back in the student center." This is where, she says, "I can enjoy the enthusiasms and energies of the student body and the staff."

As Secretary of the Cooperative Education and Placement Office, Sweeney is the first person students see when they come in the office. She sets up student credential files and directs students and the community to members of the staff who "will give each one the most help."

Sweeney makes sure current listings for jobs are available to students and facilitates the promotion of the job fair



Jacqueline Sweeney

held every other month. She works with two work study students and an intern. "Mary, Jill, and Joyce are wonderful," she says and remarks fondly, "They help me learn my job."

An avid participant of NECC activities, Sweeney has already attended classes, seminars and workshops on campus. Off-campus she plays tennis and intends to be lifting weights soon. She says that as a single parent in Haverhill (she has three children ranging from 13 to 20), she has the opportunity to "fling herself headlong into all the activities offered at NECC."

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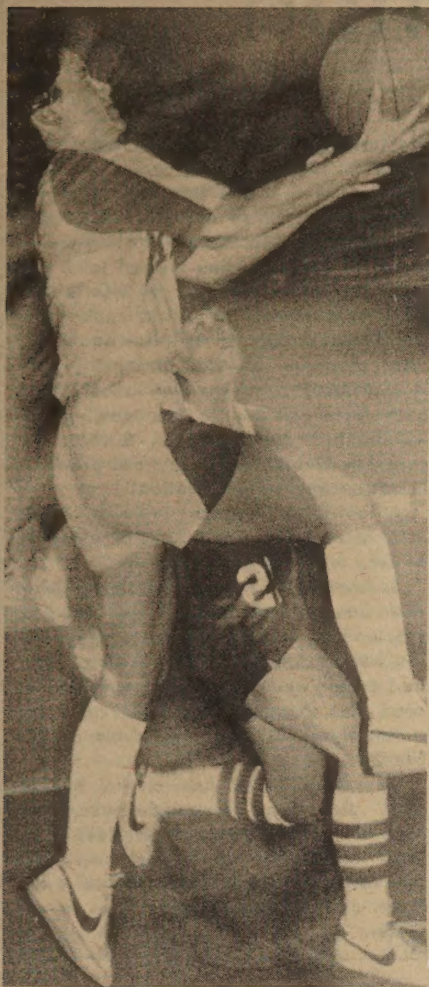
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Sports

Lady Knights win tourney



by Annette Landry

The Northern Essex Lady Knights basketball team made a strong showing in the Greater Boston Small College Conference tournament held March 4-5. After beating Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Hellenic Community College, the women were presented with league and tournament championship awards.

On Friday, March 4, the Knights traveled to Quincy for their first tournament game with MCP. The Knights came ready to play, determined to bring home another win. MCP went home eliminated from the tournament with a 79-19 loss to NECC. At the half, the Knights led by an impressive 41-5 score.

Fran Leeman had a strong performance leading all scorers with 25 points. Tricia Driscoll was second with 19. Lori Strawser and Martha Woodruff added 14 and 9.

In the final game of the tournament, NECC faced Hellenic. The Ladies played their way to the championship, beating their opponent 77-40.

Tricia Driscoll was high scorer in the contest with 19 points. Driscoll also hit the boards pulling down 14. Donna Johnson was second, scoring 16 points and shooting an impressive 72 percent from the floor. Fran Leeman helped the effort with 13 points and 14 rebounds. Lori Strawser added 8 points and handed off 5 assists for the winners. Sandy King dropped in 7 points for the Knights.

After the game, Coach Jack Hess accepted the trophies for both League and Tournament championships. Each player received two plaques, one for each championship. Several players also received individual awards. Donna Johnson was voted to the tournament All-Star team. Fran Leeman was voted to the League and tournament All-Star teams. Tricia Driscoll was voted to the League All-Star team. Driscoll was also voted most valuable player of the GBSCC tournament. Annette Landry received the league coaches award.

Assistant coach Jane Welch spoke highly of the Lady Knights. Welch said the win was "a total team effort. Not only did the starting five contribute but strong contributions were received from players coming off the bench." Jodi Kaskiewicz came off the bench during the Hellenic game to score 6 points and pull down 6 rebounds. Lynda Young, who is one of the most spirited members of the squad, has shown a lot of determination throughout the season.

Coach Jack Hess was very pleased with the performance of his team. Hess said that the 24 and 5 record of the 1982-83 season was closest yet to the Knights best record of 26 and 1. During his coaching career at Northern Essex, Hess has compiled a record of 126 wins and 18 losses. This is the sixth consecutive year that Coach Hess has led the NECC Lady Knights to the championship of their league.



USFL breaks new ground

by Maggie Coll

After two weeks of play, the United States Football League has established itself as a professional sports organization. During the first week of games most if not all of the teams played extremely conservative games, because of the relatively short period of time the league had to organize and train its players. The second week of play, however, showed a noticeable change. Several teams began introducing more and more innovative game plans. The only reminder of the U.S.F.L.'s rushed training schedule is the relatively high rate of turnovers per game.

The U.S.F.L. has been boasting of high season ticket sales, good crowd attendance, as well as their Network television coverage. The signing of players like Herschel Walker, Kelvin Bryant, Anthony Carter and Tom Ramsey has given the U.S.F.L. a reputation for quality sports that the league is trying to live up to. If the new league can maintain this high quality throughout the season, they should have no problem in maintaining the fans' interest.

Some teams to keep an eye on are:

The Chicago Blitz; this team has been picked by almost everyone to be the one to go all the way. The Blitz has a solid offense and a very powerful defense, but its biggest asset is the head coach George Allen. Allen is known for his opportunistic

plays as well as his love for using plays that nobody else would dare to use. George Allen could win a game even if his team didn't show up.

The L.A. Express; this team has an overpowering offense with veteran quarterback Rae along with the rookie quarterback Tom Ramsey (UCLA). The team also has a very strong and quick defense.

The Philadelphia Stars; this team's defense steals the show, forcing turnovers and pressuring the quarterback. Its offense is also very dangerous with running back Kelvin Bryant (N. Carolina).

Schedule of coming games

Saturday, March 19
Oakland at Michigan; Los Angeles at Arizona

Sunday, March 20
Washington at Boston; Tampa Bay at New Jersey; Denver at Chicago

Monday, March 21
Philadelphia at Birmingham

April busy time for intramurals

by Jim Costa

April is the busiest month for intramurals. Four different activities are planned. They are a Flag Football Tournament, a Cross Country Run, a Par 3 Golf Tournament, and a White Water Raft Trip.

The Flag Football Tournament will be April 11. Those interested meet at the gym April 6. The Cross Country Run, slated for April 13, is open to anyone interested in signing up at the gym.

The Par 3 Golf Tournament will be April 15 at the Garrison Golf Center, 660 Hilldale Ave. in Haverhill. Anyone interested may attend the planning meeting at noon at the gym April 11.

The White Water Raft Trip for April 28 and 29 is being planned April 6 at noon in the gym. A \$25 deposit is required.

Students are reminded that most of these activities are paid by the Student Activities Funds and are urged to participate.

For further information, check with Jane Welch, Room 125, Gym.

3 on 3 basketball in playoffs

by Jim Costa

With the final week of play now in progress, the 3 on 3 basketball league playoffs are set for March 14 and March 16 at noon at the gym. All teams are eligible for the playoffs.

The games will be played to 15 points instead of 21. The teams will play two games a day. The semi-finals and quarter-finals were Monday and the finals and championship game will be Wednesday.

3 on 3 Basketball Standings as of March 7

Team	Won	Lost
76ers	10	1
Philthies	9	2
Stewies	8	3
Chargers	8	3
Weekend Warriors	7	4
Lakers	7	4
Baseliners	7	4
Tubes	6	5
Chugs	3	8
Benny-B-Ballers	3	8
Demo's Demons	3	8
Hacker	3	8
Team A	2	9
Bulls	1	10



Dave Ferguson of the Lakers battle for rebound against Steve King of the Hackers. Lakers won 21-16.

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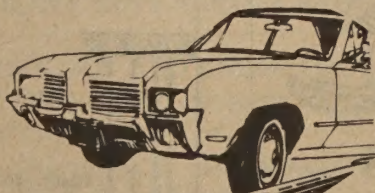
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Sports

Red Sox begin spring training

by Dan Gordon

The snow is melting and it is getting a bit milder outside. Spring is in the air and with that a new baseball season is upon us.

The Boston Red Sox have been training for the past few weeks in Winter Haven, Florida, for the up-coming season. Manager Ralph Houk is facing some big question marks, particularly on his pitching staff. A weak point of past Red Sox teams, this year is no exception -- the pitching staff is young and inexperienced. Some new faces are on the team this season due to some trades made during the off-season, but the Red Sox still failed to get that first-rate pitcher they so desperately need in order to be competitive in the Eastern Division of the American League.

A newcomer to the team, Pitcher Brian Kingman obtained from the the Oakland A's, feels he has been traded to the ideal team. The twenty-eight year old pitcher thinks a change of scenery will do him a lot of good, after being in Manager Billy Martin's doghouse all of last season.

Also obtained from the Oakland organization is catcher/first-baseman Jeff Newman along with outfielder Tony Armas, who has tremendous hitting power.

Gone from the team is third-baseman Carney Lansford who was dealt to Oakland with outfielder Garry Hancock and minor league player Jerome King for Newman and Armas. Lansford, who won the 1981 American League Batting

Championship, was going to play out his option and was going to ask for a five year deal worth approximately \$7 million. The Red Sox management, known for not paying the big salaries, made the deal with Oakland with the hope that with Armas hitting 30 to 35 homeruns, the Red Sox will be a better team.

Also gone without any tears from the fans is pitcher Mike Torrez who could never get it together in Boston. He was traded to the N.Y. Mets for Mike Davis, a minor league prospect. Also traded was pitcher Chuck Rainey to the Chicago Cubs for pitcher Doug Bird.

Youngsters to watch for this season are pitchers Dennis Boyd, Steve Crawford, and Brian Denman, all who have a shot at getting a spot in the starting pitcher rotation. And let's not forget about Mark "The Bird" Fidrych, who spent last season with Pawtucket, the Red Sox triple-A team trying to make a comeback from an injury-plagued career. This season, it's do or die for Fidrych, who led the American League in pitching in 1976 with a 19-9 record and 2.34 earned run average before undergoing major problems with his shoulder and arm.

All in all, the team appears to have the hitting, but everyone knows you can't win without pitching. With a few weeks left until opening day of the new season, the Red Sox cannot be looked upon as serious contenders, though you can never be too sure about predicting baseball -- it should be a very entertaining and exciting season.



Knights huddle with Coach Mike Rowinski.

-Jim Hegarty photo.

Alumnus coaches men Knights

by Michael M. Taglianetti

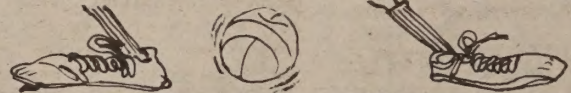
Whatever Mike Rowinski did to make men's basketball and baseball winners, he should bottle and sell it. These two fine teams behind the brilliant coaching of Rowinski have given Northern Essex Community College a winning tradition.

The beginnings of Rowinski's coaching career at Northern Essex surfaced when he was a player under Paul Rouse. Rouse coached men's baseball and basketball and Rowinski played under him for both years of his eligibility. But his eligibility ran out a year before he graduated, so Rouse offered him a spot as his assistant.

Rouse then left Northern Essex and Rowinski graduated with an associate in science degree in Criminal Justice in

1981. When Rouse left, he recommended Rowinski for the basketball coaching job and he was appointed. Now Rowinski is the head coach of men's basketball team.

Rowinski is especially proud of his basketball team, which is now down to only seven players. "Peak and valley, unstoppable as well as rock bottom" is the way he describes his team this past season. But he says, "I can't ask more of my seven players: Chris Surette, Rip Williams, Gary Romancewicz, Norm Paquette, Barry Johns, Jose Flores and Roy Nickerson." In addition he feels that Paul Florent, who has a "great attitude" and "helps out the team in countless ways," deserves a lot of thanks.



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Walker's signing creates stir

by Dan Gordon

The newly formed USFL Football League made nationwide news when it signed Georgia running back Herschel Walker. Walker, ineligible to play in the NFL, gave up his senior year at Georgia and signed a three year contract with the New Jersey Generals for a reported \$16.5 million.

The Heisman Trophy-winning tailback, a three time All-American, signed the contract just hours after university officials declared him ineligible to finish his college career because of reportedly talking to the USFL, something which is not allowed.

Not many people took the USFL seriously -- one has to think of what happened to the now defunct World Football League. USFL consultant Dave Dixon called the signing a "great day" for his new league. With the signing of an underclassman, the war between the NFL and USFL has just begun. USFL Commissioner Chet Simmons defended his league pointing out that Walker came to his league and not vice-versa.

College coaches from coast to coast have already begun to ban representatives from the USFL on their campuses. As word of Walker's signing got around the football world, the responses were mostly of disappointment and anger. "The NFL now realizes, if it didn't realize it before, that the USFL is real and intends to sign top college players," explained John Chaffetz, Vice-President of the Arizona Wranglers.

Close to home the Boston Breakers were happy for their Atlantic coast division rivals. Ever since Walker signed, the phones have been ringing off the hooks for sales of tickets to the July 3 game in which Walker and his teammates will make their appearance in Boston, a game which will be an easy sellout.

Believe it or not, this new league just might make it. Though just starting out, this league has probably the best running back of the next decade. Beware NFL, the USFL has declared war! Stay tuned for the war that is brewing.

Surette, Williams named all stars

by Nick Rathosis

The Men Knights ended their final week of basketball March 5, losing a heart breaker in the finals.

On Feb. 28 they traveled to Emerson College and won hands down with an easy 88-63 victory. The win gave them their nineteenth win against nine defeats. The high scorers for this blowout were Captains Chris Surette and Robert "Rip" Williams. Surette chipped in 26 points and Williams chalked up 21.

In the final home game, the Knights hosted North Shore Community College and reached the 20 win plateau with an 86-81 victory. They had five of their seven players score in double figures. Williams led with 19 points and Roy Nickerson notched in 12 points.

At the first game of the semi-finals of the Greater Boston Small College Conference, the men met North Shore and won 62-60. With no seconds left in regulation time, Surette made the basket to give the Knights the victory and advanced them to the finals. High scorers were Surette with 16, Gary Romanckiewicz with 11, and Norm Paquette with 11.

At the finals, played at Quincy Vocational School, the Knights lost 77-73 to the Quincy Jaguars. The Northern Essex team never gave less than 110 percent. They had only seven players

compared to Quincy's 17. The Jaguars were taller and at their home gym. High scorer for the Knights was Surette with 29 Williams and Romanckiewicz had 11 each.

After the game, tournament awards were given. All-Stars were Surette and Williams.

Survey measures retention

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Source: Effective Instruction and You, Triton College, School of Career Education.

Feedback

Question: If Northern Essex received a million dollar grant, how would you prefer the money be spent?



David Manor, Business Management: "The college should put the money into building more facilities, especially for academic labs."



Sandy Edgecomb, Accounting: "The Mud Flats should be paved and more courses in the area of computers should be offered."



Dan Reynolds, Business Management: "I'd like to see more parking spaces as well as a new engineering building."



Jill Stanwood, Executive Secretary: "The money should be used to hire more instructors, offer more courses, and to finance a new fine arts building."



Nathan Strout, Electrical Technology: "I'd like to see more student activities and a more fully equipped library."



Kelley McInnis, Business Transfer: "I'd like to see the Mud Flats paved, another building to expand office space, and a better evacuation plan for handicapped students."



Barbara Knox, Secretary/Counseling Office: "The money should be used to construct a fine arts building complete with a day care center, as well as to finance more student productions in the Creative Arts Department."



Darlene Roy, Pre-Allied Health: "I'd like to see the Mud Flats paved and a new building to house better science facilities."

by Cathy Olson and Nancy Robinson

Cigarette smokers have rights . . . and GOOD health tips

by Paula Fuoco

The Surgeon General has told you, and so has Hal Linden and your mother and even the school nurse, so what's left? You have heard it over and over--and by now you are pretty sick of it, right? So fear no more. This article is by no means intended to enumerate upon the hazards of smoking. Nor is it trying to influence you to abandon those nicotine pistols. Below is a document clearly stating the rights and splendid privileges that accompany smoking. Sign it, cut it out, put it in your wallet and flash it next time you are in a NO SMOKING area.

Article I: It is my undeniable right to subject myself to the chance of contracting emphysema, heart disease and cancer. I will not be deprived of the chance of undergoing cobal treatments. I enjoy excruciating pain and would appreciate losing my hair in the process. Going bald is attractive; I am bored with my hair as it is.

Article II: It is my right to ignore all those silly statistics about smoking causing horrible health and death. I do not care that the British Royal College of Physicians said, "Smoking is as important a cause of death as were the great epidemic diseases such as typhoid, cholera and tuberculosis," or that the U.S. Public Health Service declared smoking to be "the foremost cause of preventable disease and death." What do a bunch of illiterate doctors know anyway! Going to school all those years proves that they know nothing about health. And all those statistics about smoking causing disease, well that is for OTHER people. I am invincible and immune to disease of any kind.

Article III: It is my right to help those poor, kind-hearted cigarette manufacturers by purchasing their product. Surely it is not for the few billion dollars cigarettes bring in each year. I know that they stay up all night worrying and crying when a faithful customer becomes one of those rare statistics.

Article IV: It is my right to relieve tension and stress by smoking. I am by no means addicted; as Mark Twain once said, "Quitting smoking is the easiest thing. I know because I've done it a thousand times." I could very well relax by talking to a friend, jogging, swimming, hand gliding or weight lifting, but I personally feel that smoking is a much more creative, exciting and constructive way to release my tensions.

Article V: It is my right to cost my employer \$4,600 extra due to higher absenteeism, lower productivity, additional cleaning due to my beautiful ashes and more costly medical insurance. I am sure that my smoking will be a definite advantage when applying for a job.

Article VI: It is my right to ignore the wishes of the non-smoker. Why should I deny myself the sheer joy of smoking just because someone I really love, maybe my husband/wife, boyfriend/girlfriend, mother/father, daughter/son, could become terribly sick from it? I will admit that perhaps I would miss them if they were to visit the hospital for awhile, but at least I will have my cigarettes to hold, talk to and share things with.

Article VII: It is my right to spend a few hundred dollars, maybe even thousands, on cigarettes each year. I would not want to waste that money on a trip to the Bahamas, on a new wardrobe or a charity.

I am so rich that I do not need a few extra hundred dollars. If I did not spend it on cigarettes, I would have to throw it in the streets, for there is absolutely nothing I would love to buy with that money.

Article VIII: (This article is intended for women.) It is my right to smoke while I am pregnant. It does not mean that I am selfish just because smoking constricts the blood vessels in the uterus, depriving my unborn baby of necessary oxygen and nutrients, or that it increases the risk of abortion and stillbirth and that it also increases the risk of crib death by 52 percent. Just because I am the mother does not mean I have some special responsibility to my child.

Article IX: It is my right to preserve my image. My skin is more vibrant and clear, my teeth more white, my fingernails more sexy when I smoke. Smoking shows the world just how sophisticated and talented I am. How many people can actually light a cigarette, hold it between two fingers and puff? Not everybody can do that, it takes intelligence, years of training and perseverance. It's not like some eleven year old can just pick up a cigarette and start smoking. Smoking really does make me more popular.

Therefore, I _____, do hereby declare on this _____ day of _____ to uphold and defend the Smoker's Creed.

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Wisdom teeth- to pull or not to pull

by Nancy Alter

One of the most controversial disputes currently being debated is over the need to remove wisdom teeth, either to prevent crowding or to protect an alignment that has been achieved through the wearing of braces.

Some authorities believe unforeseen complications may arise from the unnecessary extraction of wisdom teeth. Others argue that retaining them threatens to undo good orthodontic results.

There have been several debates concerning the best treatment for pain in the temporomandibular joint (where the jaw meets the skull, just in front of the ear). The cost for treatment of this disorder may range from \$25 to \$1500 or more.

Protective eye gear should always be worn when playing such sports as squash, racquetball, and even tennis.

Many eye injuries have been associated with the absence of proper eye gear. Some of the injuries immediately endanger vision; others might have a delayed effect.

Open glasses are not adequate protection. Glasses with protective lenses should be worn.

Currently, one of the best lenses is made of polycarbonate. Laboratory studies suggest that this lens will stop a 22-caliber bullet to 20 feet.

Concerning eye safety, "an ounce of prevention is certainly worth more than a pound of cure."